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CHINESE RETAKE YUHANG IN COUNTER ATTACKS

Hankow, Feb. 8.

It is now disclosed that the seven Chinese planes which participated in the counter-offensive launched in the Pengpu sector of the Tientsin-Pukow railway zone yesterday morning were piloted by members of the "Foreign Squadron," a band of foreigners of various nationalities who came to China voluntarily to help her in her fight against Japan.

While various members of the Foreign Squadron had previously engaged Japanese aircraft in combat, yesterday was the first time the foreign airmen had attacked a Japanese position as a unit.—*Reuter*.

CHINESE FORCES RETAKE YUHANG

Shunan, Chekiang, Feb. 8. Braving snow and bitter weather, Chinese forces launched a fierce counter-offensive on Yuhang, 15 kilometres west of Hangchow, on February 6 and recaptured the city, according to belated reports received here.

The Chinese forces re-entered the city at 2 p.m. after routing the Japanese troops. The population was jubilant, when it saw the Chinese flag again hoisted on the city walls. The Japanese troops have retreated to Hsichuan, south-east of Yuhang. Their defeat is attributed to the muddy terrain, which rendered their mechanized units ineffective. The victorious Chinese forces from Yuhang are now pushing toward Hsienlinfu and Hangchow.

FUYANG ALSO ATTACKED

Meanwhile, a fierce counter-offensive is also being launched upon Fuyang, south of Hangchow, by the Chinese forces.—*Continued on Page 4.*

STOP PRESS

Ship Seized Off Colony By Japanese

Another seizure of a ship just outside Hongkong waters by the Japanese has been brought to light with the return from Formosa of Captain C. Sanno, Norwegian Master of the steamer Yun Mau.

Captain Sanno has reported to the local authorities that the Yun Mau is now in Formosa.

The officers and Chinese crew were returned to Hongkong two days ago aboard a Japanese steamer, which obeyed radio signals to divert to Formosa to pick up the men.

The Yun Mau ran aground in Hongkong in the September 2 typhoon and after being salvaged was re-registered under the Greek flag and renamed Spila.

She left Hongkong on January 23, bound for Poochoo, from where she was to operate in the coastal trade.

It is understood that a Japanese destroyer called on the ship to halt within two hours of leaving Hongkong.

She was boarded by a Japanese naval party, and when the ship's papers were examined the Master was informed that the ship would be taken to Formosa as a prize of war.

A guard was placed aboard, and Capt. Sanno was ordered to follow in the wake of the destroyer, which led the ship to a southern Formosa port.

The Master, a Russian Chief Officer and the Chinese crew were held under detention in Formosa for 14 days.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

BIG FLEET TO FIGHT "PIRATES"

45 Destroyers Of British Navy In Mediterranean

London, Feb. 7.

Now that the Home Fleet has taken over patrol duties in the Western Mediterranean, it is understood that the total British destroyer strength in the Mediterranean is forty-five vessels.

Among the cruisers are the latest type H.M.S. Southampton and H.M.S. Newcastle, both of which are equipped for anti-aircraft defence.

"There is reason to believe that the pirate ships in the Mediterranean are based on Majorca," said the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Eden added that the Government had reluctantly come to the conclusion that the British steamer Thorpe, which was bombed in Tarragona harbour on January 20, was the object of a deliberate attack.

Sir Robert Hodgson, the British representative in Nationalist Spain, had informed the Salamanca authorities that the British Government took a serious view of this bombing, and required a full explanation.

BRITISH ATTITUDE FIRM

With regard to the rumours that Italy intended to send a large armed force to Spain in the near future, Mr. Eden said that he had no evidence that such was the case. The British Government, he added, would regard the despatch by any country of troops to Spain as a breach of the Non-Intervention Agreement, creating a situation of which Britain would be bound to take a most serious view.

Mr. Eden said that the British Government was unable to accept the contention of the Franco Government that the insurgents had not laid the mine which had damaged H.M.S. Hunter on May 13 last year, and the Salamanca Government had been informed that the British claim would be approximately £130,000.—*Reuter*.

EMBASSY'S FIXED HEADQUARTERS NOT YET KNOWN

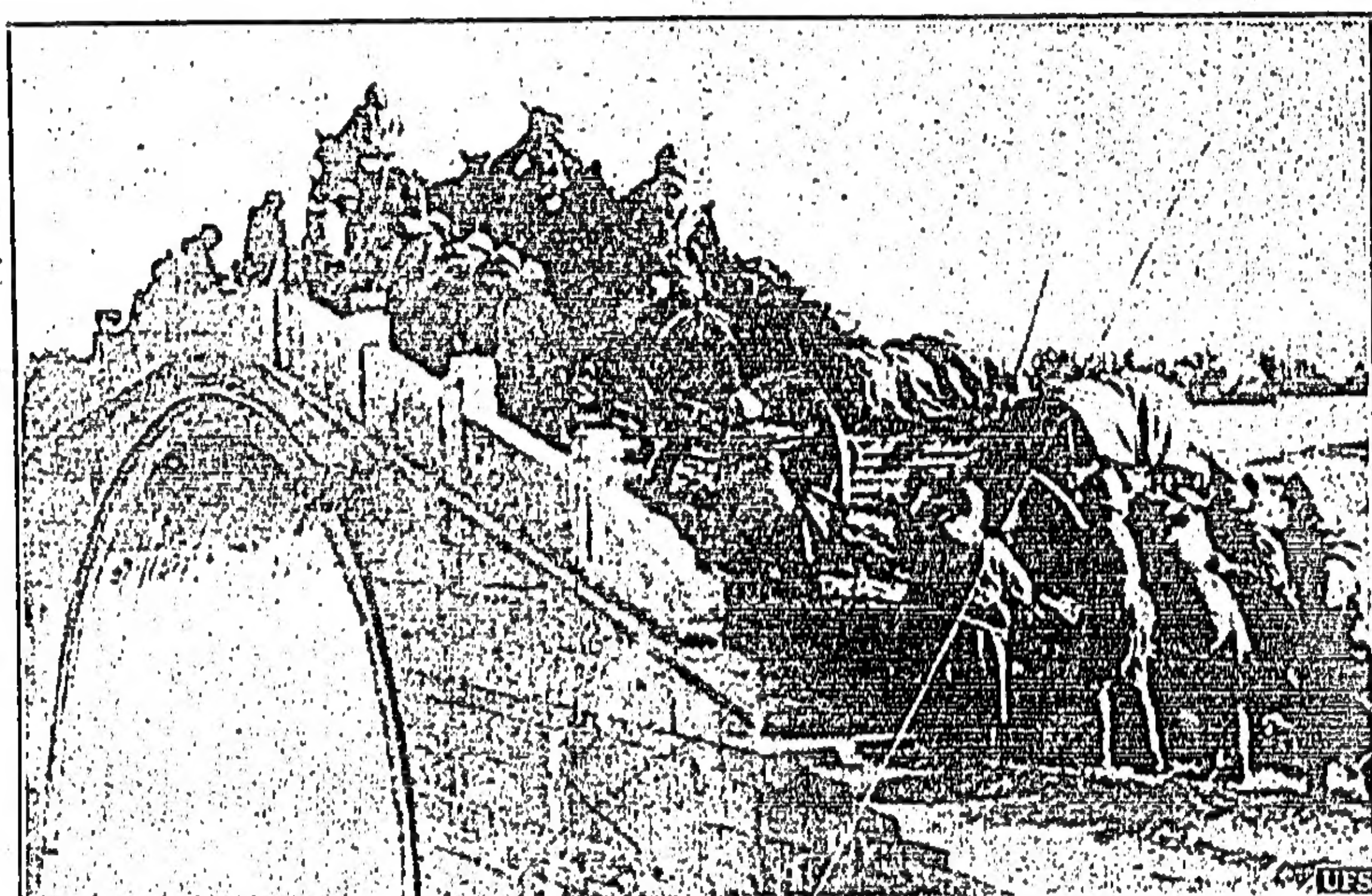
London, Feb. 7.

Asked in the House of Commons whether the British Government contemplated putting its permanent Embassy to China, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said that the headquarters were at present in Shanghai.

The Chinese Government, said Mr. Eden, was spread over many capitals and it had been left to the British Ambassador to make the most advisable contacts.—*Reuter*.

British View Unchanged On S'hai Control

INVADERS' TRANSPORT MOVES SLOWLY



The old roads and bridges of China were not built for carrying heavy guns and limbers, tanks and trucks. The Japanese are finding the problem of transportation more and more difficult. Here infantrymen are helping horses with their load on the road to Nanking.

ADMIRAL LEAHY DENIES ANY SECRET ALLIANCES BY UNITED STATES NAVY

Washington, Feb. 7.

Flatly denying that the United States Navy has any foreign commitments and understandings, Admiral William Leahy, Operations Chief, testifying before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, declared to-day that the fleet "expects to stand on its own feet," so far as national defence is concerned, and expects to succeed.

"The Navy has no thought of obtaining assistance from any other nation. It has no thought of giving assistance in the solution of the problems of any other nation. It expects to solve its own national defence problems... in the navy's traditional way, without alliances," Admiral Leahy declared.

The Admiral issued this statement after Mr. Carl Vinson, chairman of the committee, had drawn attention to the inference contained in last week's testimony that some kind of secret commitments existed.

Mr. Vinson also urged an increase in the proposed 22 ship auxiliary authorisations by ten, even if it meant reduction of one destroyer tender, repair ship and submarine tender. He said the most urgent need was an increase of naval patrol planes and tenders.

"The number of tender-based patrol planes considered necessary by the Navy in the Pacific is 420, of which 342 are operating planes and 80 are spares," Mr. Vinson said.—*Reuter*.

Von Blomberg's Daughter To Wed Von Keitel

Berlin, Feb. 7.

It is announced that Dorothy, the youngest daughter of Marshal von Blomberg, has become engaged to the son of Lt.-General von Keitel, Director of the Reich Ministry of War.

Under the Nazi shake-up announced on Saturday, Marshal von Blomberg, whose recent marriage caused disension with Herr Adolf Hitler, has been retired from the office of War Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Lt.-General von Keitel was appointed Chief of the Supreme Command and a member of the new secret Cabinet Council. He will be elevated to the rank of Field Marshal.—*Reuter*.

PRINCE NICHOLAS VERY ILL

Duchess Of Kent Hurries To Father's Side

Athens, Feb. 7.

Extreme Unction has been administered to Prince Nicholas of Greece, who has been ill for some weeks, and whose condition suddenly became worse last night.

Prince Nicholas is the father of the Duchess of Kent. The Duchess has interrupted her holiday with the Duke of Kent in the Austrian Tyrol and is hurrying to the bedside of her father. The Duke of Kent is returning to London alone.

Prince Nicholas was born in Athens in 1872 and was a son of King George I, who was assassinated in 1913. Prince Nicholas' mother was the Grand Duchess Olga of Russia.

Prince Nicholas married the wealthy Grand Duchess Helen, and is the father of several Greek princesses of great beauty in addition to Princess Marina, now Duchess of Kent.—*Reuter*.

Sentence Of Death Commuted

Jerusalem, Feb. 7.

The death sentence on a young Jewish constable who was convicted for firing at an Arab bus has been commuted to life imprisonment.

The reprieve was granted by the General Officer Commanding the British Forces in Palestine.—*Reuter*.

STRIVING TO GUARD CIVILIANS FROM BOMBS

Mr. Eden Anticipates Results Of Appeal To Be Known Soon

London, Feb. 7.

Answering several questions in the House of Commons touching on the air bombing of the civilian populations of Spain and China, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, reiterated the Government's strong view with regard to the cruel sufferings thus inflicted.

He expected to know the result of the initiative taken by the Government in this respect within the next two days. It will be recalled that the British Government has appealed to both sides in Spain to declare a truce above open towns.

Mr. Eden assured the House that the Government regarded the question as an urgent one. Regarding bombing of civilians in China, Mr. Eden said that the British representative at the last session of the League had taken the initiative and had urged the Advisory Committee to express its views regarding air bombings. The British representative had also voted for the resolution adopted by the Assembly.

The British Government has approached the combatants repeatedly, declared Mr. Eden. The Foreign Secretary expressed the readiness of the British Government to consider a suggestion by Commander J. Wedgwood, Labour M.P. for Newcastle, that the Vatican should be approached for its condemnation of the practice.

The sole desire of the British Government, declared Mr. Eden, was to put a stop to what they regarded as an wholly illegitimate practice of warfare.—*Reuter*.

Paris Paper Banned By Germany

Report On Royalist Movement Deeply Offends Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 7.

It is officially stated that *Le Temps*, the Paris newspaper, has been banned throughout Germany owing to its Basle report of an attempt to restore the second son of the German Crown Prince to the throne, published in its columns.

The story is described in official quarters as the "most intimate and unbelievable lie," written in an impudent and irresponsible manner and calculated to poison public opinion and cause serious damage to Franco-German relations.—*Reuter*.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN CONTINUE ON CUSTOMS REGULATION

EDEN ADMITS OBSTACLES PLACED IN WAY OF SIR FREDERICK MAZE

London, Feb. 7.

The Government has nowise altered its views regarding the continuance of the International Settlement in Shanghai and the maintenance of the present administration, said the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Eden indicated the exact nature of the Japanese censorship in Shanghai over British telegrams and mails, both inward and outward.

He said that as a result of British representations, commercial firms could now use telegraph codes when authorised to do so by the British consular representative in Shanghai.

REFUGEE PROBLEM TACKLED

100,000,000 Victims Of War May Get Official Aid

Hankow, Feb. 8.

After long consideration the Chinese Government is reported to have decided upon the establishment of a "Relief Committee" to tackle the urgent problem of providing help for China's war refugees, estimated at 100,000,000.

It was originally proposed to establish a Ministry of Social Economics, but the idea was subsequently dropped.

While no confirmation is officially obtainable it is learned that Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, former Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, and General Chiang Tso-pin, former Minister of the Interior, are the most likely candidates for chairman of the new committee.

Almost 100,000 residents of Nanking have returned from the "safety zone" to their homes in two of the five administrative areas, recently set up by the autonomous commission in the former capital, according to a Japanese Embassy spokesman at Shanghai.

It is stated that from January 14 to February 4, some 10,115 households, comprising 50,440 persons, returned to the first administrative district, while from January 13 to February 4 12,700 households, or 45,740 persons, reoccupied houses in the second administrative district.

Persons still left in the safety zone number approximately 150,000, some of whom have lost their habitations. It is added that the remaining administrative districts are still closed.—*Reuter*.

Strength Of British Force In China 3,676

London, Feb. 7.

The strength of the British forces in the Shanghai and Tientsin areas on January 1 was 137 officers and 3,539 other ranks.

These figures were given in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Victor Warrander, Financial Secretary of the War Office, in answer to a question.—*Reuter*.

Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the position of Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, the Foreign Secretary said he understood that certain obstacles had been placed in his way in the exercise of his powers.

In addition to the decree modifying in North China the Chinese Maritime Customs tariff schedule, there had been some interference with customs examination and control at the wharves in the Shanghai area, controlled by the Japanese, and Japanese officers had taken over certain customs offices.

AMBASSADOR INSTRUCTED

Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, had been instructed to make representations to the Japanese Government on all these developments, Mr. Eden disclosed.

Discussions were proceeding between the British Ambassador and the British Government regarding those harbour launches which had been seized by the Japanese forces and which had not been returned.

Replying to Sir William Davidson, Conservative Member for South Kensington, who asked a question regarding the maintenance of that portion of the Chinese Maritime Customs on which foreign loans were secured, Mr. Eden said that negotiations were proceeding.

The British, French and United States Governments had made their attitudes clear, he said, both to Shanghai and to Tokyo.—*Reuter*.

SZECHUEN TROUBLES SMOOTHED

Civil Strife Now Unthinkable

Hankow, Feb. 8.

The rumours of serious trouble in Szechuen are discounted here. It is pointed out that civil strife in the province at this time is unthinkable and further that there are strong Central Government garrisons throughout the province, making any attempt at a coup unhealthy for discontented leaders.

Moreover, no provincial leader is able to rally local opposition to the Central Government. It is admitted that it is not irreconcilable.

Meanwhile, Mr. Lu Tso-fu and General Hsiang Kuo-kwang have conferred with military leaders at Chengtu during the week-end and have reported "a happy result." The former is the newly-appointed Vice-Minister of Communications and a leading Szechuen industrialist, and the latter is director of the provincial headquarters and commander-in-chief of the forces.—*United Press*.

First Test-Tube "Baby" Born in Britain

Dawn of New Breeding Method

Empire News

DROUGHT IN CAPE PROVINCE

Cape Town. At the opening of the special session of the Cape Provincial Council recently Mr. J. H. Conradie, the Administrator, said that a large part of the country found itself in a stranglehold from severe drought.

"Although we have received the gladdening news of copious rains in some parts," he continued, "I know of others where drought conditions are becoming worse daily."

Mr. Conradie said he expected that the financial position of the province at the end of the year would be better by £17,000 than he anticipated at the time of the Budget.

The retail price of mutton had risen by 1d per lb in Cape Town owing to the drought.

The final figures for the 1937 Kruger National Park season show that there were 23,549 visitors between June and October, an increase of 4,500 over the figures for 1936.

AUSTRALIA

LOYAL MESSAGE TO THE KING

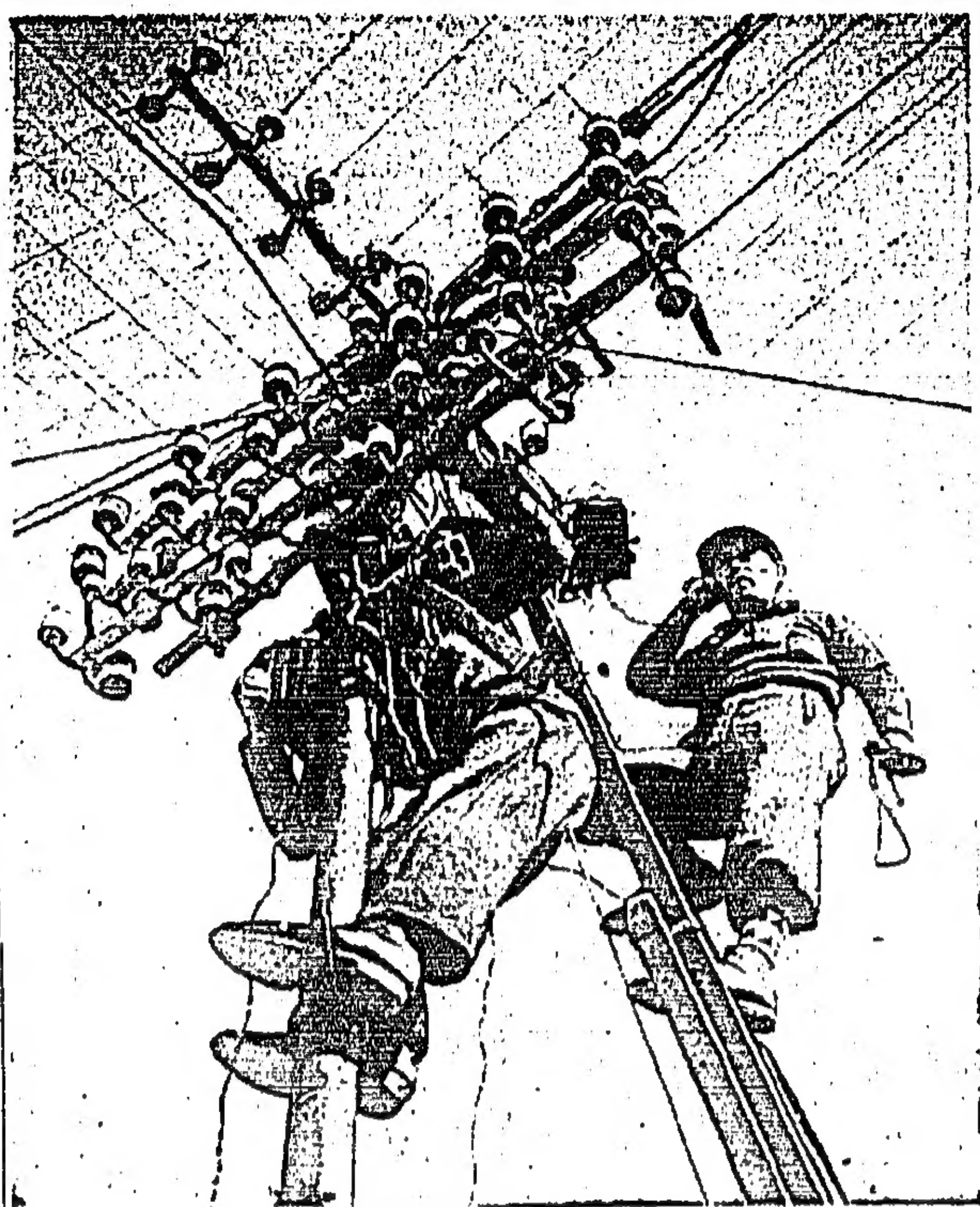
Canberra. A message to the King on the first anniversary of his accession has been sent by the Governor-General, Lord Gowrie, as follows:

"On behalf of the Government and people of the Commonwealth, and of myself, I offer loyal and affectionate congratulations on the anniversary of your Majesty's accession. We pray that you may long be spared as our beloved sovereign."

NEW ZEALAND

ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT

Wellington. Parliament has adjourned till March 1. Mr. Savage, the Prime Minister, announced that the Education Bill and either one or two bills relating to national health and superannuation would be considered when the Parliamentary session was resumed.—*Reuter*.



During the trouble in Palestine a frequent occurrence is the cutting of telegraph wires. Picture shows two men repairing wires near Jerusalem.

GILDA GRAY, 'SHIMMY SHAKE' QUEEN, FINDS SUB-TINSEL PROBLEM

New York. Gilda Gray, the girl who taught the world how to "shimmy" with her willowy, hip-shaking version of the dance, set out to-day for a timbered farm in the wide, open spaces. She says she is going to buy a Colorado ranch and settle down. Shaking a good-bye leg to the bright lights of the night-clubs Gilda intends to devote herself to chickens and pigs. Among other resolutions Gilda intends to wear dresses none of which costs more than five shillings; to cook apple pies and paint a little. "That is the life," she says.

Science Marvel on Essex Farm

Ottawa. The first test-tube birth has just taken place in Britain.

A calf has been born on an Essex farm sired by a bull in Holland.

This is the culmination of years of work by scientists. Seed from the male animal was brought to England in a test-tube, and the cow was fertilised artificially.

An official of the Animal Nutrition Research Institute of the School of Agriculture told of a large scale experiment in which 30 cows in Holland had been fertilised with the seed of a bull in England.

"In England we are not concerned with the application of the process to human life," he said.

EXPLOITS OF THE GIRL PAT

Fishing Company's Libel Action Over Book PUBLISHERS SUED

A book on the exploits of the Girl Pat, the Grimsby trawler, under the command of George Osborne, gave rise to a libel action which came before Mr. Justice Hawke and a special jury, in the King's Bench Division, London, recently.

The plaintiffs were the Marstrand Fishing Company (Limited) and five directors of that company, and the defendants were Hutchinson and Company (Publishers) Limited, and the Anchor Press (Limited).

The plaintiffs, who owned the Girl Pat, complained of passages in the book published and printed by the defendants, entitled "The Voyage of the Girl Pat," and described as "an authentic account by Skipper Osborne and his crew."

For the defence, it was denied that the publication was defamatory of the plaintiffs, or that it referred to them. It was further contended that the introduction to the book made it clear that the particular voyage of the Girl Pat was unauthorised by the owners.

"AN ADVENTURE" Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., in opening the plaintiffs' case, recalled how the Girl Pat was stolen from her owners by her captain, and instead of going fishing, was taken away by the captain and crew on a cruise which, he said, was at one time termed an adventure.

"Why they did it is a secret which is locked up in their bosoms," declared Sir Patrick. "It was inevitable that they would be found out, and arrested, and tried. The trial was very remarkable because the prisoners, desiring to put forward some excuse for their conduct, had what now seems to be an amazing opportunity to say they were told to scuttle the ship."

"That story was investigated in the Central Criminal Court with the result that George Osborne, the captain of the Girl Pat, and his brother were sent to prison."

SERIOUS ALLEGATION They were not concerned in this case with the suggestion at the trial that the Girl Pat was to be scuttled. That rubbish was dispensed, but the plaintiffs took a serious view of the allegation that the Girl Pat left Grimsby entirely ill-found, and improperly equipped with food and appliances.

That, in substance, was the alleged defamatory statement in the dock of which complaint was made.

The book purported to be an authentic account by Skipper Osborne of the voyage. It was plain, however, that he did not write it, but that it was a journalist's account, written while Skipper Osborne was in prison.

LIFE ON DEVIL'S ISLAND

"It is an odd book," said Sir Patrick, reading an extract which suggested that Devil's Island was not a hell on earth, and quoting one convict—a murderer—as saying, "It is far from that. It is paradise—we live like gentlemen."

The writer added: "Each convict has his own bedroom. Before they start work in the morning every man is served with a tot of champagne."

Mr. Justice Hawke—it does not say what a "tot" is.

Sir Patrick—I have made inquiries about the size of a tot, and I am told that it varies according to the taste of the recipient. (Laughter.) Sir Patrick said that complaint was made of a statement in the book's wrapper. Sensation follows sensation in this extraordinary story, in which the skipper tells how, with only a sixpenny atlas for chart, and a match stick for sextant, he and his crew sailed across the Atlantic.

The statement referred to "Dare Devil Dod Osborne," and said that the vessel had no rocket apparatus, and food for only two days.

Mr. Tom Moore, managing director of the Marstrand Fishing Co., gave evidence that, when the Girl Pat left Grimsby, she was well found, and had sufficient food.

"All we know is that it can be applied—and is being applied in America—for the conception of babies."

The practice there has actually been adopted in marriages which have proved childless through the sterility of a father.

An official statement has to be drawn up and signed by the parents. The practice has not taken place in Britain yet.

FRENCH NAVAL SPEED-UP

A REPLY TO ITALY'S NEW BATTLESHIPS STEPS TO RESTORE BALANCE OF POWER

Paris. M. Campinchi, Minister of Marine, is expected to ask Parliament to grant exceptional credits for the purpose of speeding up the 1938 building programme for the French Navy, in view of Signor Mussolini's decision to lay down immediately two 35,000-ton battleships.

French naval circles feel that France is interested first and foremost in the Italian decision.

When the Navy Budget—for £30,000,000—was voted last month, the comparative position of the French and Italian fleets in the Mediterranean was by no means as disquieting as it is likely to be if Italy proceeds with the building of these two big battleships.

It is pointed out that they will be equal in gunpower, if not superior, to the only existing battleships of their type afloat—H.M.S. Rodney and H.M.S. Nelson.

MINISTER'S CONCERN

Unless Parliament grants adequate credits, the French Mediterranean fleet, it is stated, risks finding itself in 1941 numerically inferior to the Italian fleet in the Mediterranean.

Even supposing, it is added, that the defence of her Channel and Atlantic coasts could be left to the British Navy, and North African coasts, and of her Far Eastern Empire—Madagascar and Indo-China in particular—is a matter which is seriously pre-occupying the Ministry of Marine.

The French navy building programme for 1938 consists of one cruiser and two aircraft carriers, and M. Campinchi is anxious not only that these three ships should be laid down without delay, but that their completion should be carried out in the minimum of time.

For this reason Parliament is likely to be asked at once supplementary navy credits so as to restore an adequate balance of power in the Mediterranean.

SHAW STATES HIS DICTION RATINGS

London, Jan. 27. George Bernard Shaw rates telephone operators above actresses in diction and enunciation.

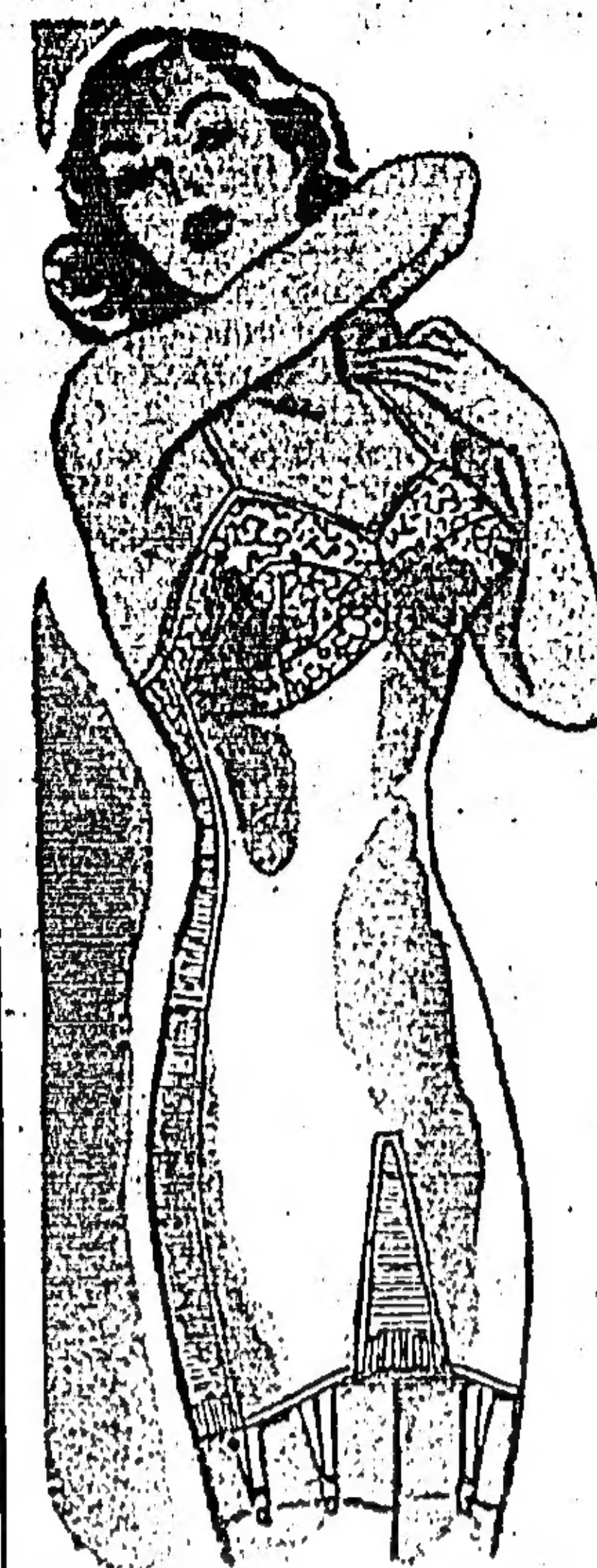
"There are dramatic schools all over the place; and yet to-day all professions speak better English for public purposes than the dramatic profession," the playwright said in a message to the annual meeting of the Association of Teachers of Speech.

In addition to the "wonderful telephone girls," Shaw listed the clergy, politicians and lawyers as being superior.

"The only technically perfect speaker" of Victorian days was Queen Victoria herself, whom he said, "some of our worst stage glibbers would probably describe as a hum elocutionist."

FIREMEN STOW OARS

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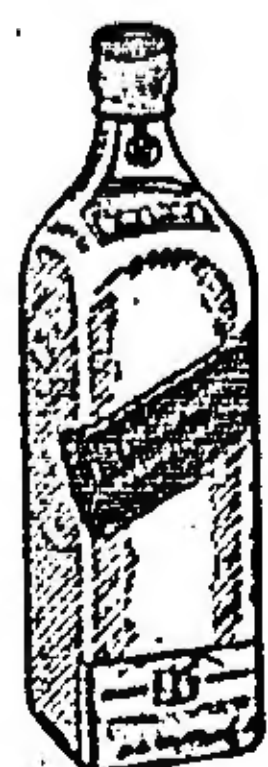
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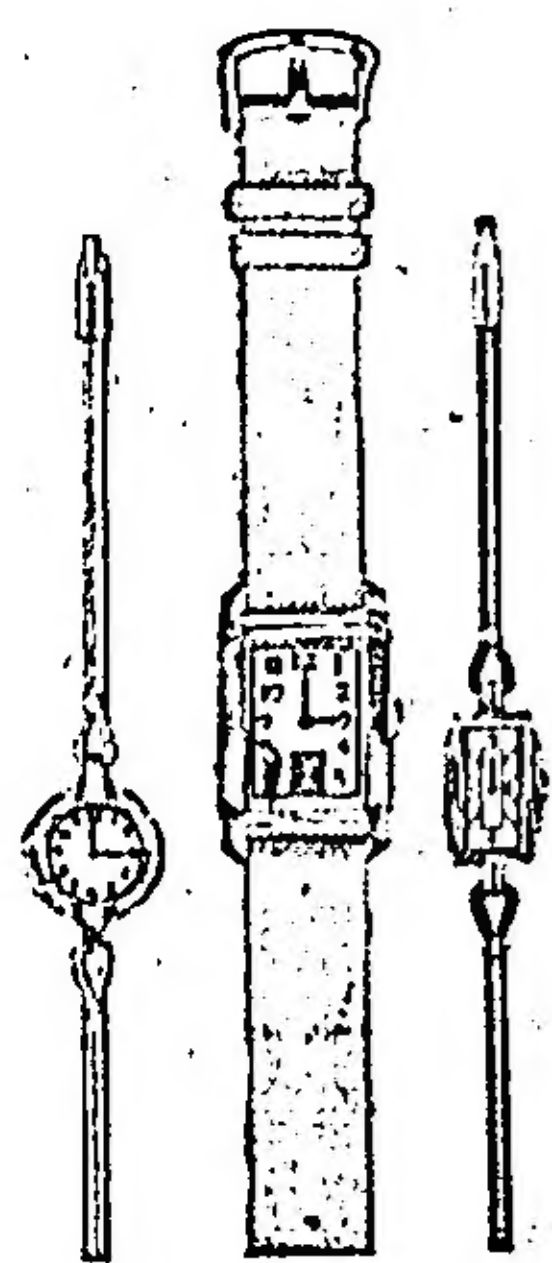
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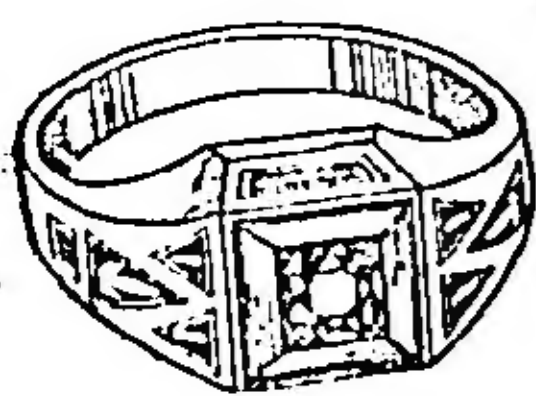
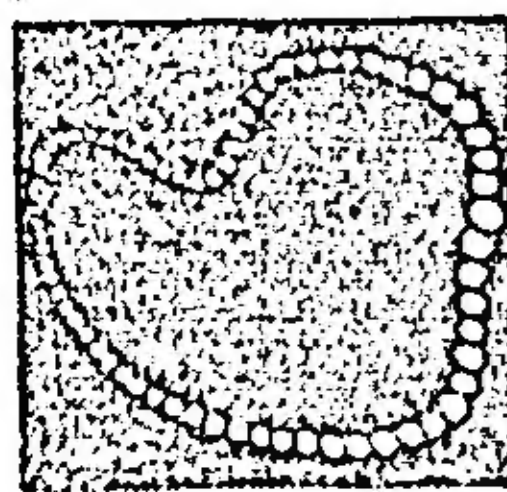
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Commander E. V. Lees has been appointed Commander of the Dockyard and Master Attendant at Hongkong, in succession to Commander E. F. Disbrow. During the past two years he has been staff officer (operations and intelligence) to the Rear Admiral at Rongk, before which he was squadron navigator of the battle-cruisers in H.M.S. Hood.

Other appointments to the China Station are:

Lt. Cdr. R. C. M. White to Thanet (on Commissioning); W. S. Lea to Medway (February 10); Lieutenants J. G. S. Cunningham to Medway; A. A. Cavendish to Dartmouth (February 10); G. H. Rowe to Medway; H. W. Firth to Duncan; L. D. B. Kenny to Thanet (on comm.).

Sub. Lt. J. H. A. Stucley to Thanet; Gunners T. N. W. Fox to Scout; H. J. Witherden to Duncan; Bosn. A. C. Clisby to Terror II (February 10).

Surveying Ship Commands

Commander N. A. C. Hardy, who has commanded the surveying ship Herald on the China Station for the past two years, has been selected to command the new surveying ship Jason, due for completion shortly by the Ailsa Shipbuilding Company, Troon. She is expected to relieve the Flinders, and Commander W. C. Jenks, from that ship, who was promoted in the New Year list, to succeed Commander Hardy in command of the Herald.

Torpedoes and Mining

Captain J. U. P. FitzGerald takes up the post of Director of Torpedoes and Mining at the Admiralty, in succession to Captain W. F. Wake-Walker, O.N.E., who resumes sea service in command of the battleship Revenge.

Captain FitzGerald served in China in command of a West River gunboat.

Air Squadron Command

Lieutenant-Commander E. O. F. Price, whose appointment to H.M.S. Furious is announced, will command No. 811 (Torpedo Spotter Reconnaissance) Squadron. Lieutenant-Commander Price qualified as an air pilot when he was a sub-lieutenant in 1925 and has held a number of appointments in the Fleet Air Arm. Until recently he was in H.M.S. Cumberland, flagship in China, as commander of No. 715 Squadron.

Fleet R. M. Officer

Lieutenant-Colonel E. J. Banks, O.N.E., from the Chuburn Division, has been appointed to H.M.S. Nelson as Fleet Royal Marine Officer, in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel R. G. Sturges. Colonel Noyes was a survivor from the cruiser Aboukir when she was torpedoed in the North Sea on December 22, 1914, and was afterwards in the Revenge, St. Vincent, and Leitham. During 1927 he was with the 12th R. M. Battalion, sent out as part of the Shanghai Defence Force, and in 1935-36 he was employed in connection with the base defences in the Mediterranean.

Staff in Palestine

Squadron Leader E. B. Addison, who has been appointed to R.A.F. Headquarters, Palestine and Trans-Jordan, for air staff duties, has been leaving abroad since he graduated at the Staff College in 1934, one year with No. 36 (Torpedo Bomber) Squadron, Singapore, and two years

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THREATS
TO AMOY

Amoy, Feb. 6.

The Chinese press this morning states that a message has been received from the Japanese fleet blockading the port that unless the city is delivered up it will be destroyed by planes. The official figures of killed and wounded by the last air raid two days ago were nine killed and sixteen injured.

Sixty-two houses were blown to bits and some were full of people seeking shelter. Bodies are still being hunted for amid the rubble and one of the rescuing party declared that on the night following the visit of the planes he found and carried away forty-two corpses. The number killed, therefore, must be much more than that. Only in official quarters have dug-out precautions been provided. If the threatened attack occurs the slaughter will be terrible, for there is no hope of escaping the rain of bombs. The last night saw a few low to drop their missiles and not even one machine-gun opened on them.—Our Own Correspondent.

as Senior Personnel Staff Officer, Far East Command.

Royal Yacht Commander

In succession to Captain R. F. J. Onslow, M.V.O., D.S.C., promoted in the New Year list, Commander E. F. Fleetwell-Bouverie has been appointed executive officer of the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, in which he served as a lieutenant-commander in 1929. During 1937 he attended the Staff College, and his last service appointment was executive officer of the aircraft-carrier Hermes in China in 1934-36.

Commander W. J. Fisher

Lieutenant-Commander W. J. Fisher, late in command of the flotilla leader Campbell in reserve at the Nore, has retired at his own request with the rank of commander from January 14. He served the Earl of Mouth on a troping voyage to China.

Destroyers for China

The departure of the Thanet for China for service as a reserve destroyer at Hongkong has been deferred till February 8. Her sister ship the Tenedos is to arrive at Singapore on March 9, where she will reduce to reserve.

Major to General

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., The King's Own Scottish Borderers, is appointed to be Commander, 2nd Infantry Brigade, with the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel (honorary) in the 1938 list. He was Staff Officer, Local Forces, Straits Settlements, and Federated Malay States.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hudson won the Victoria Cross on the Asiago Plateau, Italy, on June 15, 1915, when his high courage and determination saved a serious situation. He acted as Brigade Major in North Russia in 1919, and from 1928 to 1932 was Staff Officer, Local Forces, Straits Settlements, and Federated Malay States.

Governor
Decorates
PolicemenLong Service And Zeal
RewardedYear of Great
Difficulty

Paying tribute to the work of the Police throughout the exceptionally trying year of 1937, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote yesterday presented medals for bravery, ability and long service.

A parade of European, Indian and Chinese Police was held at Central Police Station, the rain making it necessary to use the old prison quarters instead of the open compound.

The Hon. Commissioner of Police, Mr. T. H. King, and the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. C. G. Perdue, were present with senior officers. The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. Li Po-kuai, and ladies were among the spectators.

After presenting the awards, His Excellency addressed the men. He said: Commissioner of Police, Officers and Men of the Hongkong Police Force. It is with much pleasure that I find myself here to-day presenting these medals to those who have so well deserved them. A Long Service Police Medal on a man's chest indicates that for 18 years he has served the public faithfully and well in a difficult job and it is therefore something of which he may be justly proud. It is a proof that for half his life he has been a good and reliable citizen.

Difficult Work

I have described Police work as difficult. Most men know what will fall to be done by them in the course of their daily work by their carpenter, typists, soldiers or in other employment; moreover, they know that their hours of work will be limited. But the policeman never knows when some unforeseen emergency for which perhaps he has had no special training will turn up; he has just to do the best he can in the circumstances. Again, he is always liable to be called up for extra duty when he has done his day's work even not knowing how long he will have to remain on that extra duty. Lastly, there rests upon him a very special responsibility towards his fellow creatures.

The fact that the Hongkong Police have so high a place in the public regard and are given the confidence which they enjoy from the people of Hongkong is a proof that the Police Force of this Colony does its work competently and reliably and I am very glad to have this opportunity of saying so to you in public.

A Hard Year

I have spoken of the difficulties which a policeman normally has to face in the course of his duty, but

I suppose not for a long time has the Hongkong Police had a more strenuous year than that which ended a little over a month ago, 1937, with its problems arising from Shanghai refugees, cholera, and a quite abnormal typhoon not to mention the heavy work of Coronation time is not that which will quickly be forgotten by the Force, and I wish to congratulate and commend the Force most warmly for the way in which it stood up to the tremendous strain of last year.

In particular I wish to congratulate the two officers of the District Watch Force on their excellent work for that Force and P. C. Bakhtaw Singh on gaining the Hongkong Police Medal for 1937.

I hope that 1938 will prove to be an easier time, but, even if it does not, I am confident that the Hongkong Police will face it with as much credit as they did the difficulties of last year.

His Excellency inspected the parade and showed an interest in the old prison building before his departure.

The Awards

The list of awards is given below: List of District Watch Force Medal for 1937:

Pun Kan.—Third Class D. W. Medal for long and faithful service. This man joined the force on March 1, 1920 and has been in the Detective Staff since January 1, 1921. He was commended by the Hon. S. C. A. in 1925 and promoted to A.C.D.W. that same year.

Det. D. W. 43 Sin Kam-chuen.—Third Class D. W. Medal for long and faithful service. During 1937 he obtained 24 cases of which 16 were larcenies and 15 larcenies from persons. During 1938 he obtained 30 cases of which 21 were larcenies and 15 larcenies from persons. He has been commended on two occasions by the Hon. S. C. A.

Hongkong Police Medal for 1937: P. C. B. 233 Bakhtaw Singh.—Hongkong Police Medal for bravery and meritorious conduct on the occasion of the murder of P. C. B. 233 Singh on July 25, 1937.

Life Saving

Life Saving Certificates (1937): Indian Continent—L. B. K. Khar Singh, P.C.B. Ghulam Mohamed, P.C.B. Labara Singh, P.C.B. Sanara Singh, P.C.B. Harnam Singh, P.C.B. Bakhtaw Singh.

Chinese Continent—P.C.C. Chai Lam, Wei-haiwei Continent—P.C.D. Chai Si-lan, P.C.D. Chang Fu-cheng, P.C.D. Miao Chou-pao, P.C.D. Tsung Hui-yung.

Long Service

Colonial Long Service Medals.—Chief Inspector R. H. E. Marks, Chief Inspector F. W. Shafain, Chief Inspector F. E. E. Hooker, Chief Inspector J. Murphy, and Inspector M. Murphy.

Inspector Suran Singh, Sgt. Arjan Singh, Sgt. Teja Singh, Sgt. Alam Khan, Sgt. Hala Wand, Sgt. Sirdar Ali, Sgt. Hazara Singh, Sgt. Surjan Singh, Sgt. Lail Singh, Sgt. Nadian Singh, Sgt. Zaman Ali. Inspector Chu Heung, Inspector Wong So, Principal Chinese Detective Shik Tai, Principal Chinese Detective Wong Lau, Sgt. Major Kwan Hing-nam, Sgt. Major Wong Kin, Sgt. Chu Yung, Sgt. Kwan Kam, Sgt. Kwong Lun, Sgt. Lam Kwan, Sgt. Ho Pin, Sgt. Ip Chak, Sgt. Lo Ki, Sgt. Lam Chiu, Sgt. Chan Shiu, Sgt. Chui Shiu-ping, Sgt. Ho Kam, Sgt. Li Shek, Sgt. Tse Yuk, Sgt. Lo Tung, Sgt. Yau Chung, Sgt. Li Tung, Lance Sergeant Wong Ki, Lance Sergeant Kwan U, Lance Sergeant Chu Lung, Lance Sergeant Lu Hong-ning, P. Constable Wong Sik.

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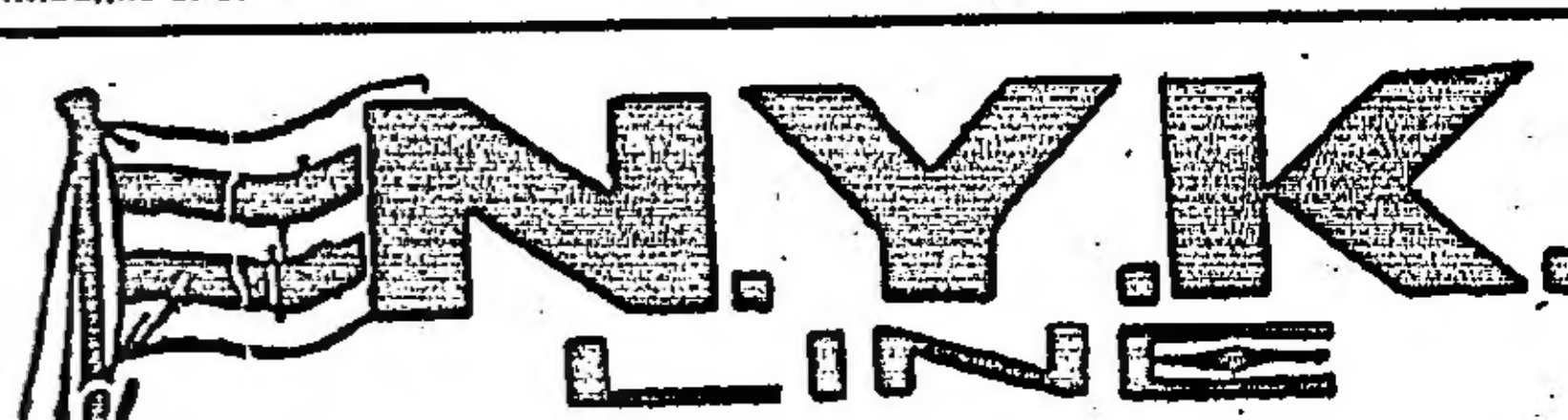
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OFFICIALS SHARE THE BLAME

Canton is protesting against unfounded rumours published in the Hongkong newspapers. The inference is that they were born and bred, dressed and presented here. That is not the case. The majority of these rumours come from Canton itself. Hongkong has no choice but to publish them; for they may be true. In most cases they are close to the facts; in some cases entirely true. Rarely does a completely erroneous despatch get into print, and it need not be said that in such cases there is no intention of misleading the public or misrepresenting any situation. For instance, the stories of unrest in Canton which first reached Hongkong from that city were treated with the greatest circumspection. When a high official in Canton denied that there was any pro-Japanese plot afoot or any coup d'état suspected, his message was published in good faith. It then transpired that there had been 700 arrests of suspected agitators in a few days, including, so one correspondent said, four Japanese. So there was some foundation for the rumours after all.

There was a saying among newspapermen of a famous capital city at one time that "The bigger the man, the louder he talks." To the uninitiated the expression might be translated thus: The more responsible an official's post the more likely is he to have something to say and the chances are he will say it. But too often busy executives cannot be bothered with questions of bustling journalists, and leave their queries to some subordinate who either does not know the answers or hesitates to take the responsibility for statements which may appear sensational. The journalist is left guessing. And because he is usually competing with fairly intelligent people, he may try to present a story to the public without official information.

Who'll Win in Egypt?

by W. N. EWER

(just back from that country).



King and Premier may have been seen in public riding together.

THE King is a good man. Nahas Pasha is a good man," said Jimmy Hassan.

"They say there is trouble between them. But Nahas and William Pasha: they are clever men. They will find a way out."

My friend Hassan's view of the political crisis in Egypt is a little over-simplified and definitely over-optimistic. But it is certainly the view of the big majority of Egyptians—the man in the street, of the man in the fields and the man on the river.

Young King Farouk is undeniably popular. Mustapha Nahas Pasha is undoubtedly the national leader—the man whom the great Zaghul named to succeed him, the man who after years of conflict won Egypt's independence and made friends with the British.

Nahas and "William Pasha" (who is William Makram Ebeid, Minister of Finance and Nahas' right-hand man) are confidently expected to uphold the constitution and at the same time to avoid a dangerous crisis in the first years of national freedom. Can they do it? It begins to look exceedingly doubtful. For the boy king Farouk is not making it easy. He is not yet eighteen. But he has already the mind, the manner, and the assurance of a man of 25. And he has ideas about kingship, which he learned from his father, the late King Fuad.

The bulk of the Egyptian people,

Sometimes he must, or risk his position and reputation. He is apt to fall back on rumours and "hear-say." That sort of thing is, deplorable in the eyes of officialdom; and yet the remedy is in the hands of the very people who make complaints.

A story is told of a press gallery reporter who was sent to interview a Prime Minister. The Prime Minister did not prove a satisfactory subject. But the reporter was afraid to admit failure. So he wrote something like this: "The Government may fall to-morrow over the—Treaty issue and there is a definite split among the Back Benchers. The Prime Minister did not deny this grave situation when questioned to-day." The Government did not fall and there was no split among the Back Benchers; and there is no record of the fate of the reporter. Fortunately, few journalists use such technique to-day and newspapers are on their guard against it. But how much simpler it would be for the news-gatherer, and how much fairer to the public, if the great men had time to answer "Yes" or "No."

like my friend Jimmy Hassan, have hardly begun to realise that "Farouk," says Jimmy, "is a good king. Not like his father. He is a real Egyptian, not an Italian like Fuad."

There is one secret of his popularity. He is the first of his line (since his great-grandfather Mohamed Ali made Egypt really independent of the Turkish Sultan) to talk Arabic.

Mohamed Ali was an Albanian. His son and his grandsons spoke Turkish, married Turkish or Circassian women, kept haughtily aloof from their subjects. King Fuad was educated in Italy, spoke Italian as his "first" language, could hardly talk Arabic at all, did business with his ministers in slow and halting French.

AROUK has other advantages. He is tall and handsome. If he is not very careful he will very soon be fat. But for the moment, despite beginnings of a double chin, he is still good-looking, with the fair hair and blue eyes which recall his European ancestry, and which have an exotic charm for Egyptian eyes.

He came to the throne, a boy-king, just at the most auspicious of moments, when constitutional freedom was being restored and the treaty of independence was being negotiated. That in itself was a good basis for popularity. Here was a new king for a new era.

But it all comes back to this—Farouk's popularity is largely based on Fuad's unpopularity. He is liked because the people believe that in every way—as Jimmy puts it—he is "not like his father."

When it begins to get round that as a matter of fact he is in many ways exceedingly like his father, that popularity may wane very rapidly. Fuad spent the years of his reign in two pursuits—accumulating power and accumulating money. He was pretty successful in both. Politically, he got rid of parliamentary government, for years, and ruled with Prime Ministers of his own choosing. Financially, he is reputed to have left a fortune of £15,000,000.

Financially, Farouk may or may not share his father's acquisitiveness. Politically, his ideas are much the same. And he has in-

herited, too, that curious blend of dignity and arrogance which Fuad possessed.

There have been times when he has astonished experienced politicians and diplomats by his dignity and poise in trying moments: his self-possession used to be commented on even when he was a schoolboy.

But he has astonished them also by deliberate rudenesses which are ominous for the future.

When, on the first day of the Parliamentary session, Ministers went from the Chamber to the Palace (a pre-arranged ceremony at a pre-arranged hour) they were curtly informed that His Majesty was in his bath. When this month, he received a deputation from the International Ophthalmological Conference, meeting in Cairo, he deliberately kept those distinguished surgeons waiting in an ante-room for an hour.

He likes to embarrass those around him, in order to appear completely at ease himself.

He came to the Throne already quite determined to "be a king," to be his own master, to have his own way, to govern Egypt as his father had done.

LOTS of young Princes have had grand ideas, and have also had the luck to find at their sides Ministers from whom they could learn.

Farouk found as his Prime Minister a man whom for years he had been taught to distrust and detest as the enemy of his father and his House.

Nahas was the man who had led the Constitutional Party in the long struggle against Fuad, the man who in the end had won the game and forced the sick and dying King to restore parliamentary government.

So from the beginning—eighteen months ago—King Farouk has hated Premier Nahas. And Nahas, knowing the boy's ideas, and the teaching he had as Prince, has distrusted Farouk—realising, as most Egyptians have not, that it might before long be necessary again to



... but seventeen-year-old Farouk, "determined to be a king," wants to hold the reins himself.

fight for the Constitution against a would-be autocratic King.

The King began the fight at once by appointing the Chamberlain of his Household without even consulting the Premier—and by choosing for the post a politician, an ex-Premier, a possible future Premier: All Maher Pasha.

Once again, as under Fuad, there was to be a sort of Palace-Cabinet. The King was to have his own advisers, other than the Ministers responsible to Parliament.

Then Farouk began to interfere in Ministerial appointments, in Senatorial nominations. All very cleverly within the letter of his constitutional rights; all supremely irritating to his Prime Minister.

Next came a campaign of studied and calculated rudeness. His Majesty refused to speak to His Majesty's Prime Minister, except on the most formal and necessary occasions.

"Unfortunately," said one very interested spectator drily on one occasion, "they forgot to put an article in the Constitution saying that the King should be polite to his Ministers."

And so it goes on. Quite deliberately the King is trying to make the position of the Cabinet impossible, to goad Nahas into resignation or some rash blunder—then to denounce him as a would-be dictator trying to bully a young King.

Nahas and Makram have been patient to a fault. They have tried to rush the whole thing up, to shield the King, to prevent an open conflict. Maybe by that very loyalty they have lost ground. If the truth had been told from the beginning Farouk would be less popular.

Two bad blunders they have made. In face of the King's attitude they should have kept the Waif solid at all costs. Instead, they have split it. They have quarrelled with two of their ablest colleagues—Nakrashi Pasha and Ahmed Maher Bey.

There is a "Waif Opposition" to-day, which is more hostile to Nahas than to the King. As a consequence Nahas and Makram have lost a good deal of popularity: the Waif has lost its solid hold on the country.

The Palace has a chance to play off one section against the other.

Second blunder is the failure to dissolve that rather foolish organisation the "Blue Shirts." It gives his enemies opportunity to denounce Nahas as a would-be Fascist dictator.

The Palace, demanding dissolution can pose as champion of democracy and liberty.

All the same, if it comes to a show-down, the King can hardly hope to win where his father failed. The hold of the Waif and its leaders on the country is firm and tested.

Farouk's popularity is a quick and shallow growth: nor has his dynasty ever won the loyalty of the country. He would be well advised, while there is yet time, to heed the voice of Jimmy Hassan and to look for a way out from the situation he has created.

To-day's Thought

The power of kings (if rightly understood) is but a grant from Heaven of doing good.
—WILLIAM BOMERVILLE.

The "Very Idea"

IT'S THE ANIMAL IN US

Says, Edward Kelly,
Who Knows How To
Keep The Wolf
From The Door

By ED. KELLY, BEAST

It just shows that you can't be too careful.

We are referring, of course, to the experience last week of a local hiker who suddenly came face to face with two wild animals looking strangely like dogs.

We recall similar experiences when we were in Darkest Africa. We were in the very darkest part of Darkest Africa, where even the natives were dark.

And the animals we encountered were the wildest we have ever seen. Sometimes they were so wild that they'd grind their teeth with rage.

We remember an amusing experience we once had with a bison. Bison is the female for bison. It was during the moulting season, and as the maddened beast rushed at us we grabbed it by the horns, or front handles, intending to throw it away. Imagine our surprise when the skin came right

away from the horns, and left the animal standing naked and embarrassed before us.

NO GAME FOR PIKERS

On another occasion, when out on a big game hunt in India (most of the games are small in India—ten cent jack pots, and fifty cent rises), one of the bearers approached with the news that there was an elephant of enormous proportions hiding behind our heap of lion skins.

We hastened to have a look at the animal and saw that despite its size it was no use as a specimen, as it had fallen arches. The huge beast seemed to be in pain, so lowering it gently on to its back, we called for one of the bearers to bring our medicine chest.

The poor beast was suffering from calarria. After dosing it up, we wrapped its chest in red flannel and sent it on its way.

Eight months after, as we were standing on the wharf preparatory to sailing from India, we heard a loud trumpeting behind us, and looking around saw the same elephant coming towards us, looking the picture of health and waving some bright coloured material in its trunk.

It had come to return the red flannel. An elephant never forgets. As a matter of fact, he sends us a Xmas card every Christmas.

WELL! WELL! WELL!

Or, as we say in hunting circles: "Mine's a Tiger."

£1,000,000 FOR WOMEN

Left Fortune By Their Champion

ANDORRA SAYS NO TO 'BEER BARON'

Bourg-Madame (Eastern Pyrenees). **TIGER KID SIKOWSKY**, the man in search of a country, received another setback to-day, when Andorra, miniature republic in the Pyrenees, gave him the cold shoulder.

Sikowsky, beer multi-millionaire, wanted in the United States for tax arrears and under notice to quit France, was brought here recently by two French police inspectors who hoped to deliver him in Andorra and be rid of him.

"I GIVE UP"

This morning they phoned the prefect of police in Andorra and told him they would be arriving. The prefect replied that Andorra did not want Sikowsky.

"I give up," was Sikowsky's comment when he heard the news. "I'm sick of being pushed around and I'm going to leave it to the French police. It's up to them now to find me somewhere to go."

The latest plan is to try to get Sikowsky into Luxembourg, and this afternoon the two police inspectors left here to return to Luxembourg to see what they could arrange.

"If I can go to Luxembourg that's O.K.," said Sikowsky. "If not, I guess I shall try the Irish Free State."

"Let the French police worry now."

Duce Appeals To Vatican To Aid "More Babies" Campaign

"ONLY BIG FAMILIES YIELD BIG BATTALIONS"

Bishops and priests of the Catholic Church were asked by Signor Mussolini recently to use their influence in the "more babies" campaign.

The Duce told them: "Only big families yield the big battalions, without which victories are not won."

The Duce asked the priests to co-operate with him in preventing the flow of people from the country to the towns, as well as to urge their parishioners to have more children.

"It is the duty of Italy, a Catholic nation, to be a bulwark of Christian civilisation by her intrinsic strength and by her high birth-rate," he said.

The Duce made his appeal when he received 60 Italian Bishops and 2,000 parish priests at the Palazzo Venezia, his Rome residence.

Signor Mussolini (says a correspondent of The Scotsman) referred to the patriotism which had been shown by the Italian clergy in the struggle of the Italian people against the "Abyssinian hordes and the hordes of sanctification."

He recalled the way in which the priests had contributed their gold when "the gold drive was instituted in Italy at the beginning of sanctions in November 1935, and the way in which they urged the people to resistance against sanctions. They had also made a valuable contribution to the national autarky campaign by helping and encouraging peasants to produce wheat."

GERMAN BIRTH-RATE

Still Much Below Level Sought By Nazis

Dr. Guett, the head of the Health Department in the German Ministry of the Interior, states in a newspaper article that the German birth-rate, despite the increase resulting from Herr Hitler's measures, is still 11 per cent. below the level necessary for the maintenance of the population. In 1932-33 the deficit was as much as 30 per cent.

He declares that "if the system of two children or one-child families had been allowed to continue the German people would practically have died out in ten generations."

RACE WON BY SHAVE

Wakefield, Mass. Mrs. Grace Sweet won a race with an express train—but lost the top of her ear. She skinned under one set of chrome gates, but the other set de-rooted the machine. She was unhurt.



WHERE THE WHITE WINTER REIGNS.—Photograph taken at one of the Continental Winter resorts where the season is now in full swing. This charming English girl shows the easiest way of reaching the skiing grounds.

SCIENTIST, FORCED TO DO WASHING, SEEKS DIVORCE

New York.

Explorer, world expert on fossils, author of "A Catalogue of Mesozoic Mammalia in the Geological Department of the British Museum," where at one time he worked, 35-year-old Dr. George Gaylord Simpson, was set to wash baby napkins by his wife, and now he wants a divorce.

He is suing on grounds of "intolerable cruelty," and he seeks the custody of the children.

"My Wife"—By The Duke Of Kent

Said the Duke of Kent, speaking of his wife at a public dinner in Athens:

"Greece has given me a wife. The full extent and nature of the Duchess' influence over me I shall probably never know; it is as incalculable as the Hellenic influence over civilisation."

"This much I do certainly know. It is the best influence."

—Reuter.

HIGH SHERIFF DIES AS HE GIVES TOAST

Mr. F. P. Robbent, High Sheriff of Monmouthshire, collapsed and died while proposing a toast at a civic reception to Sir William Firth at Ebbw Vale last month.

The toast was that of "The Visitors."

Mr. Robbent had just quoted the biblical reference to the "valley of dry bones"—a description he applied to Ebbw Vale before Sir William Firth and his company came and put new life into it—when his head suddenly dropped.

Listeners thought he was pausing. Then, before assistance could reach him, he fell headlong.

He was carried to an adjoining room where a doctor attended him. Ten minutes later it was announced that he was dead, and the rest of the programme was abandoned.

Among the guests were Lord Austin, Lord Portal, Sir George Gillett, Commissioner for Special Areas, and Mr. Ansell Bevan, M.P.

Mr. Robbent, who was aged about 72, was a stockbroker.

The story of the vision of "The Valley of Dry Bones" is told in the Book of Ezekiel. The prophet prophesied as commanded by God, and the bones came together, bone to bone. Ezekiel prophesied again, "and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."

ONE WILL GET £530,000

TWO millionaires whose wills were published in London recently left £9,000 to men £1,130,000 to women.

The Exchequer takes £772,000.

Sir George Fowler, seventy-nine-year-old London solicitor, champion of women's rights, one of the first men to brief a woman barrister, has left his entire fortune to women. The total of his estate was £1,021,096. Estate duty amounted to £427,738.

About £450,000 is divided among his three daughters, Mrs. Winifred Jefford Cullis, Dorothy Jefford Geddes, and Miss Jefford Ross.

He leaves them another £5,000 each, and £5,000 to his wife, and confirms his marriage settlement and what he had already made her. He leaves her £10,000 "in the hope that she will apply it in any manner she may see fit in a memorandum by him."

"IDEAL WOMAN"

Lady Fowler is travelling back from Egypt in the liner Oronsay. Sir George had known her from the day she was born. He was then more than thirty years old.

He married her, as his second wife in 1931, at the age of seventy-three. A friend stated after his death, "In Lady Fowler he had the ideal companion for his hospitable, kindly, genial nature." Mr. Leonard Danham Cunliffe, of Mickleham, Surrey, and Trellisick, Truro, left £948,050. He bequeathed to his step-daughter, Mrs. Ida Copeland, wife of a Stoke-on-Trent pottery manufacturer, property in Cornwall, and the residue of his estate on trust, amounting to approximately £530,000.

He gave annuities to his butler and a gardener, and £200 each to his chauffeur, boatman, and another gardener.

BAGPIPES NOT FOR WOMEN

BAN OF LONDON SOCIETY LEADER OF GIRLS' BAND REPLIES

Are women strong enough to blow the bagpipes?

This question has been discussed by the Scottish Piping Society, of London, which has assisted in making arrangements for a national piping contest to be held in London this month.

It is a rule of the Society that only males are eligible for membership, and no change is to be made, despite the growth in the number of women pipers.

It has not yet been decided whether women will be permitted to enter the competition but an official said recently that he doubted if any would wish to compete with men.

"It's not the thing for a woman to blow the pipes, and it's unheard of for her to belong to a society," he added.

50 GIRL PIPERS

"Women are making plenty of noise in the world nowadays without their taking up the bagpipes," was another view expressed by a London Society official. He recalled that there was a time—following the '45 Rebellion—when the playing of the pipes was made punishable by death, even in Scotland.

A supporter of women pipers, however, was the Rev. J. W. Graves, manager of the Dagenham Girl Pipers. He told me that the impression that the efficient skirling of the pipes was made punishable by death, even in Scotland.

"By far the greater proportion of the physical exercise needed," he said, "is of the arms, not of the lungs. The blowing is a comparatively slight part of the performance."

There are 50 girls in our three Dagenham bands. They begin to learn the pipes when 12, preparatory to entering one of the bands, and all of them use full-sized bagpipes."

EXCOMMUNICATED ABYSSINIAN PRIMATE CHOSEN BY ITALIANS

Cairo. The Coptic Holy Synod today excommunicated the Abuna Abram, the Abyssinian bishop whom the Italian Government made Patriarch, about a month ago.

He had assented to the separation of the Abyssinians from Coptic Church of Egypt. The Synod declared against such separation, and that the Abuna Kyrillos was still Patriarch of Abyssinia.

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12.30 Frances Langford (Vocal). Rap Tap On Wood (from 'Born to Dance'); I've Got You Under My Skin (from 'Born to Dance'); Deep Shadows (Mackmill-White).

12.40 Hawaiian Music. Chiquita, Waltz (Wayne); Drifting And Dreaming (Gillespie)... Ferera and Paululu (Hawaiian Guitar Duo); Rock Me In A Cradle Of Kalua (Wending); Maybe It's The Moon (Whiting)... Frank Ferera's Hawaiian Trio; Honolulu March, Kohala March... Ferera and Paululu (Hawaiian Guitars).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety. Vocal—Dolores (Sievler and Thayer); Home Again (from 'Beautiful Dolores')... Percy Manchester (Tenor) with Chorus; Dance Orchestra—Hot Pie—Third Helping... The Six Swingers directed by George Wood; Vocal—Yours And Mine (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938'); I'm Feelin' Like A Million (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938')... Hildegarde; Dance Orchestra—Excentric—Novelty Quick Step... Three Brass Bells—Novelty Quick Step... Henry Hall and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Timin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: B. Wylie, Esq. Subject 'Pretty Pictures'.

2.15 Close Down. 6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme. 7.00 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Can't We Be Friends; Peckin' (film 'New Faces of 1937')... Benny Goodman and His Orchestra; Tango—Jalousie... Xavier Cugat and His Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra; Tui Sais... Henry King and His Hotel Pierre Orchestra; Fox-Trots—The Lady Who Couldn't Be Kissed (film 'The Singing Marine'); Swing, Swing, Dear Mother-In-Law... George Elrick and His Swing Music Makers; You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; You've Gotta Take Your Pick And Swing (film 'Let's Make a Night of It')... George Elrick and His Swing Music Makers.

7.25 London Relay—All Kinds of People—3.

'My Work as a Theatrical Manager and Agent.' A talk by Bert Aza.

7.45 Variety. Vocal—Sympathy (film 'Firefly')... Richard Tauber (Tenor); Orchestra—Hide And Seek Selection (Ellis)... New Mayfair Orchestra cond. by Ronnie Munro; Vocal—Elsie Carlisle Medley... Elsie Carlisle.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Revival of Some Old Popular Songs by J. C. M. G. and C. H. A. H.

8.18 Musical Comedy Selections. The Dubarry—Selection... New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Will Lechner; Careless Rapture (Novello-Hassall); Love Made The Song... Sybil Crowley and Eric Starling (Vocal Duo); Music In May Starling (Vocal Duo); Soprano; 'Out Of The Bottle'—Selection (Levan, Grey and Ellis); Tell Her The Truth—Selection (Waller and Tunbridge)... New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.40 Keith Falkner (Baritone). San Diego Betty (film 'Mayfair Melody'); Without The Moon (film 'Mayfair Melody'); Wings (film 'Mayfair Melody').

8.50 Variety.

Comedienne—I Think Of What You Used To Think Of Me (Turk, Hanley and Lyman); Like The Big Pots Do (Long)... Grace Fields; Dance Orchestra—The Girl In The Hanson Cab—Comedy Waltz In A Little Prairie Flower—Comedy Fox-Trot... Jack Harris and His Orchestra (Vocalist: Elsie Carlisle); Sketch W. Effects—The Steamboat Trip (The Two Cockney Kids); Vocal—We're Still Single To-day... Ethel Revnell and Grace West; Dance Orchestra—Cryin' Mood... Fox-Trot; Pardon My Love—Fox-Trot... 'Fats' Waller and His Rhythm; Vocal—A Tender Song (Fenyes-Amberg) You Passed Me By (Hess-Misrak-Bennefeld)... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor); Accordion Band—Wind And Waves (Zander); My Rhythm (Munkolus)... Jungheer's Accordion Melodians.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Beethoven—Sonata In B Flat Major, Op. 22 played by Artur Schnabel (Piano).

10.15 Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92.

Played by the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

11.00 Close Down.

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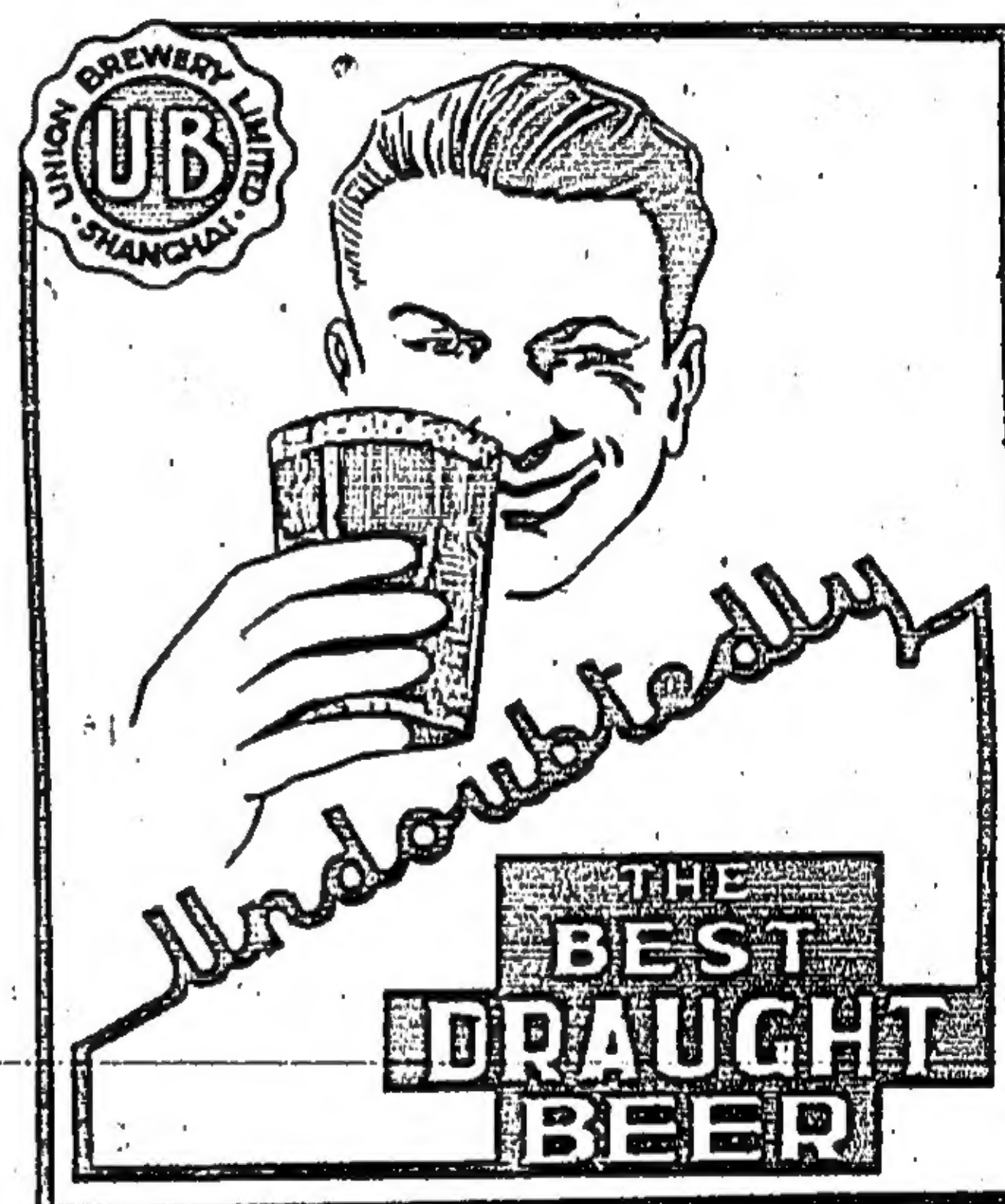
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CHINESE "Y" BADMINTON PLAYERS TAKE REVENGE

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Fireworks At The K.C.C. Last Saturday

Bad Batting Explains Exiguous Scores

The more cricket I watch this year, the more I am driven to the conclusion that I must scrap the whole of my standard of values, such as one uses when one sums up a team as strong, medium or weak. And I regret to say that there seems no doubt that when the new standard is evolved, it will be upon a much lower scale. The fact is that with, thank goodness, a few notable exceptions, the outstanding players of the last few years are showing signs of being past their best, and unfortunately there are so few players who seem to be coming on to take their places. Recruits from England are few and far between and it is seldom that we seem to manage the regular development of good school players.

I hope that it is because I have seen cricket here for so long usually have formed a judgment (one that I think is upon the decline in Hongkong, and that this judgment is incorrect. No one will be more pleased than I if it is. But who of the younger or more newly arrived cricketers are outstanding? Holden has gone home, J. L. C. Pearce goes home shortly and Haynes cannot play with sufficient regularity to keep in practice. Stokes, of course, would contend with Colledge for the place of stumper but for the moment I can think of only a few promising youngsters who may train on. Incidentally, I am not speaking of Service cricketers in this particular mean.

To my mind it is high time I. All was taken out of the very weak second I.R.C. team and introduced to First League cricket and coached. He is both a useful bat and a fair bowler and could be made into a very much better player—if taken early. Baxter, as I have often said before, is an example of a player who could be much better than he is, if he had stuck to First League cricket and had been coached carefully. (I am assuming that there was anyway at one time a regular place for him in the K.C.C. first. I have been told so. He is worth one now.)

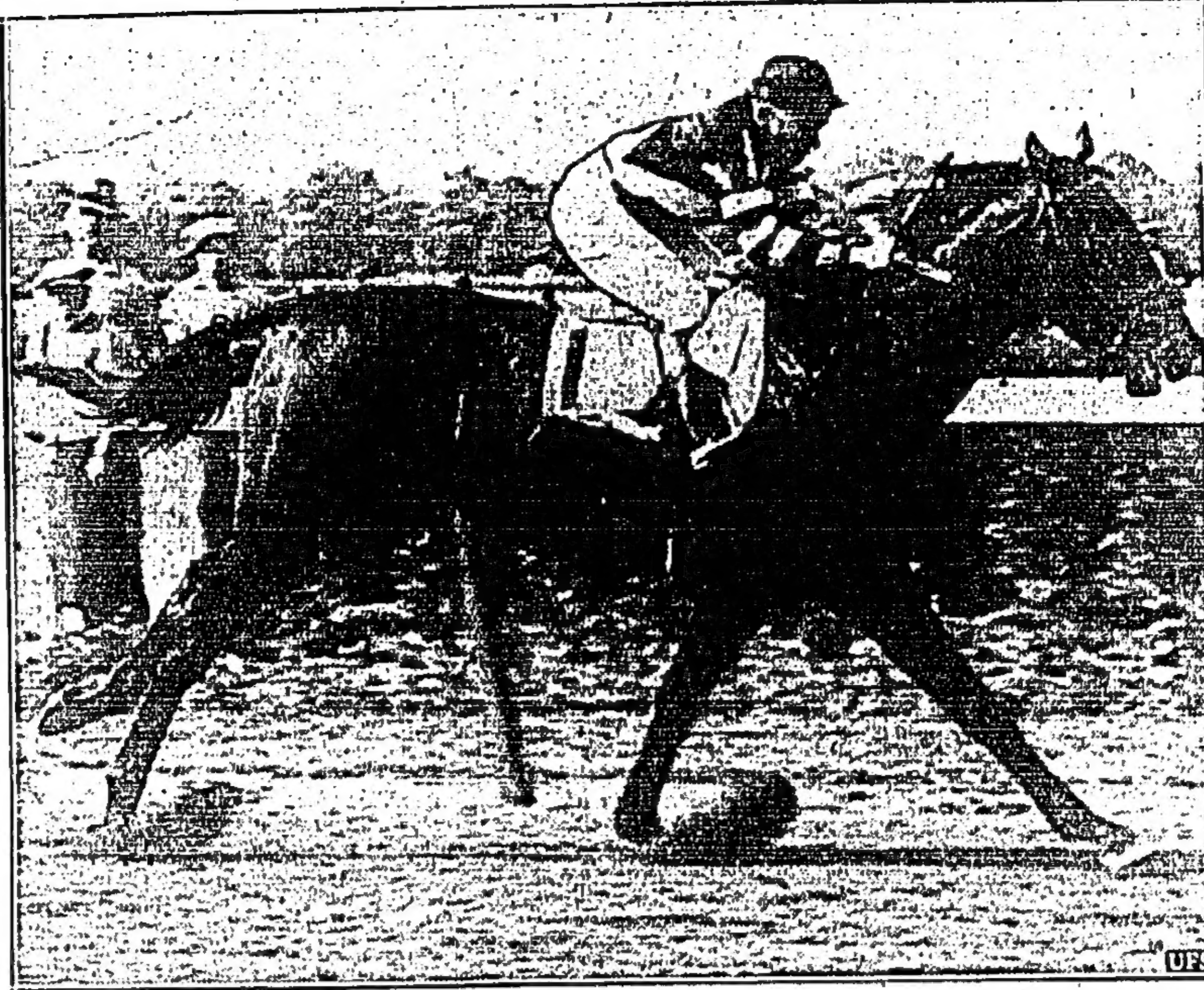
COLLAPSE AFTER COLLAPSE

The above jeremiad is the direct result of having watched (a) the K.C.C. batting and (b) the H.K.C.C. batting on Saturday last. The phrase

batting is used owing to the courtesy which should grace every cricket-er's reports and criticisms. True, the wicket was definitely nasty. It appeared damp, although I was told it had not been watered since the previous Wednesday, and it was suggested that the recent humidity and heavy dews had done the damage. The ball got up very steeply at times and when the Club were batting a very nasty spot developed at the Dowling Green end, which caused the batsmen, especially the later ones, to do a good bit of gardening with the backs of their bats; and this too when the light was getting abominable. It played worse than any wicket I have ever seen on the K.C.C. ground. However, granting all this and granting that Leckie and later Lloyd and Robert Lee bowled uncommonly well, the only explanation of the pitifully exiguous scores is bad batting.

THE TWO SIDES

The Club were without Allen and Stokes but otherwise were at full strength—and as a set off against one absentee they had Bidwell who is playing cricket owing to a rugby injury—which keeps him out of the latter game. K.C.C. seemed to me to be at full strength though there is one definite alteration I should personally have made in the side. And before the game one would have said both teams were strong ones. Let me say at once that both teams fielded excellently, both on the ground and in the air, while Hayward only conceded two byes, neither his fault, and Jex none really as the two byes in the score-



YEAR'S BEST RACE HORSE—War Admiral, unbeaten three-year-old owned by Samuel Riddle of Philadelphia, has been judged the outstanding race horse of the year by 250 sports writers. The horse, son of the famous Man O' War, is shown above in an action picture taken at the Saratoga, N. Y., race track, with Jockey Kurtisling up. Seabiscuit, a nephew, took second.

Rugger Matches At Home

London, Feb. 7.

The following were the results of rugger matches played to-day:
Northampton 6 Cardiff 16
Devonport 0 Newport 23
—Reuter.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT WORTHY OF MUCH BETTER SUPPORT

ENTRIES NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL PLAYING STRENGTH

(By "Abo")

From the point of view that not a single name was sent in up to within 48 hours of the original date fixed for the closing of entries, the present list of players to participate in the Colony Badminton Championships may be regarded in official quarters as satisfactory. But one suspects that this satisfaction has been caused by the fact that entries are now sufficient to enable the Championships to be held rather than that officials consider them in themselves satisfactory numerically.

Now, let us look at the entries. There are 12 in the Men's Singles, 11 in the Men's Doubles and again 11 in the Mixed Doubles. Only in one event, the Mixed Doubles, has there been an improvement on last year's figures. As a matter of fact, the other two events have shown a falling-off of seven entries each. When one remembers that we have seven teams in the "A" Division and six in the "B" Division of the League, the entries in the Men's events are a downright disgrace. It is certainly no way in which to repay the efforts of officials of the local Association to put the game on its feet in the Colony.

Of the 12 entries in the Singles, three are from the Free Lancers, a junior division team; three from the Chinese Y.M.C.A.; two from the University; two from St. Teresa's, who are not even in the League; one from the Club de Recreio and one from Kowloon Tong.

ONLY ONE FROM RECREIO

What I cannot understand is why only one player, M. A. Oliveira, has sent in his name from the Club de Recreio. With a playing membership like that of the King's Park club, they should be able to have more participants in the Colony Championships than any other institution. True enough, players like J. J. Remedios, L. A. Carvalho, H. A. Alves, who are members of the "A" Division team, have entered for the Doubles, but personally I feel that they might have helped the game along by taking part in the Singles as well.

In this connection, the step taken by J. A. Chen and F. Tsang of St. Teresa's and by J. L. Anderson, A. L. Fisher, and S. W. Clark of Free Lancers, and by N. A. E. Mackay of Kowloon Tong is highly commendable. I am sure that I am not hurting the feelings of these players when I say that their chances of winning the Singles title are not bright; but they have gone in for the sake of the game and this is the spirit that we want. More players should follow their example.

After all in every tournament there can be only one winner and there are bound to be outstanding players. If only these outstanding players were to take part, then how can the big tournaments be the successes that they are?

Club de Recreio players are not the only ones guilty of "bashfulness". Our undergraduates also are to be blamed. In spite of all the good players that they have, the University have only two representatives in the Singles. This should not be.

FEES CHEAPER

The trouble cannot be one of finance. With the view to making the tournament less expensive for the players, the Sub-committee in charge of the Championships decided to reduce the fees by a \$1 in each event. So actually this year's Championships

are cheaper than last year's; yet for some reason or other we have fewer entries. It is inexplicable.

The Association is deserving of better support, and it is to be hoped that it will be forthcoming next season; or else it is doubtful whether the Championships are worth while organising.

Tolley Wins Putter With Great Golf

Sets Problem For R. & A Committee

London, Jan. 10. Cyril Tolley, playing brilliant golf, won the President's Putter competition of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society yesterday on the Rye Club's course.

Tolley has played in every Putter event since his second year, but this was his first success, although he has been in three previous finals.

The success of Tolley in such a brilliant field has set the Royal and Ancient Club committee a problem.

Tolley is chairman of the Walker Cup selection committee, and as such is ineligible to play in the match against the United States.

During the Putter competition Tolley defeated D. H. R. Martin (four and three), Leonard Crawley (by one hole), and K. B. Scott (by two holes) in successive rounds. The three conquered players are all probabilities for Britain's Walker Cup team.

It is possible for Tolley to resign from the committee, so that he will be eligible to play for Britain. Whether he will do so remains to be seen. On his form during the week-end Britain can ill-afford to be without such a great player.

Last four survivors after Saturday's play were Tolley, Crawley, Scott, and E. F. Storey. Crawley outdrew Tolley at most holes in their semi-final match, and was generally more accurate in the long game, but on and around the greens Tolley was more successful. Tolley won on the last green.

Scott had an easier task against Storey and won by four and three. It was thus an all-Oxford final, in which Tolley maintained his form, Scott doing well to take the match to the home green, where Tolley won by two holes. Tolley had a score of 72 for the full round, Scott taking 74. Yesterday's results:—

SEMI-FINAL
Cyril J. H. Tolley beat L. G. Crawley by one hole.
K. B. Scott beat E. F. Storey by 4 and 3.

FINAL
C. J. H. Tolley beat K. B. Scott by two holes.

BEAT RECREIO IN SENIOR DIVISION

WONG & AU RESPONSIBLE FOR TEAM'S SUCCESS

(By "Abo")

Badly trounced when they visited King's Park earlier in the season, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. players in the "A" Division Badminton League took ample revenge last evening when, on their own court, they defeated the Club de Recreio "A" by six games to three. By winning this match, they have established themselves favourites for the championship.

Victory was all the more creditable because the Chinese "Y" were without the services of C. E. Ching, who has returned to Singapore. Two players, P. H. Wong, the Colony champion, and C. Au, rose to the occasion, and it was their brilliant play throughout that carried the side to success.

The third "Y" pair, H. Koh and A. Chung, were very weak and lost all their three games. With Wong and Au in such brilliant form, however, the Chinese failed on to victory, though the issue was not decided until the last round.

The start was an ominous one for the Portuguese. Taking the court against Wong and S. Y. Hon, M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios were thought to have a good chance of the winning, especially as Hon at the beginning seemed very weak. Covering the lapses of his partner, who improved as the game progressed, Wong was everywhere, smashing and angling for position until he had the opposition all tied up. In the other two games, Hon showed a great improvement and gave Wong splendid support.

THE BEST PAIR

An odd luckier than Wong in that his partner, F. Koh, was also in fine fettle. Koh, however, was too fond of trying fancy shots. Showing a cheerful disregard for points he attempted a variety of difficult executions, but was rarely successful. However, the occasion demanded, he could be steady. He and Au were easily the best pair on view.

Au last evening gave an exhibition which confirms my view that he and Patrick Wong will be very difficult to beat in the Colony Doubles Championship.

The Recreio pairs failed to play up to standard. The numerous lines on the court—which is also used for basketball—seemed to affect their play a good deal, and I notice that they took, on the run, many shots which were going outside. This was specially noticeable in the earlier part of the game when they were still unfamiliar with the court.

The game might have been a closer one if L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva had won their second round match against Wong and Hon. They started well enough, leading by 6-0, but they were unable to push home their advantage.

The Chinese led 2-1 at the end of the first round, 4-2 at the end of the second, and clinched the issue when Wong and Hon defeated H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves by 21-14.

Scores:
P. H. Wong and S. Y. Hon (Chinese "Y") beat M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios 21-12; beat H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros 21-14; beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 21-14; beat Oliveira and Remedios 21-16; beat Alves and Barros 21-10; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-18.

H. Koh and A. Chung (Chinese "Y") lost to Oliveira and Remedios 15-21; lost to Alves and Barros 8-21; lost to Carvalho and Silva 7-21.

OTHER MATCHES

In the other matches played last evening, King's College defeated St. Andrew's by eight games to one on the latter's court, while in the Mixed Doubles League, the University beat Kowloon Tong by 8-1.

KING'S COLLEGE

F. V. Wong and M. Weill (St. Andrew's) lost to S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung 7-21; lost to H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui 15-21; lost to Pau and K. H. Lo 11-21.

L. E. Kirby (St. Andrew's) lost to Chan and Chung; 9-21; lost to Woo and Lui 7-21; lost to Pau and Lo 3-21.

H. Kew and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's) lost to Chan and Chung 17-21; lost to Woo and Lui 2-21; beat Pau and Lo 21-13.

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London, Feb. 7. Miss Margot Lumb, the famous squash and tennis player, created a new record at the Queen's Club today by winning the Women's Squash Rackets Championship for the fourth successive year.

She defeated Mrs. I. H. McKechnie by 9-3, 9-2, 9-1 in the final to-day. Miss Susan Noel previously won the title for three successive years. —Reuter.

Swimming Records At Empire Games

Sydney, Feb. 7. Only heats were held to-day in the swimming events of the British Empire Games. Nevertheless Levers, of England, established a new Games record for the 1,050 yards in 20 mins. 3.6 seconds, and Miss Dorothy Green of Australia a new Games and Australian record for the 440 yards in 5 mins. 43 secs. —Reuter.

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- 2 After this day of sackcloth and ashes you'll be feeling a little more like your usual self. You may now sit up and take a little light sustenance. You need a gentle, simple diet, with correct quantities and combinations of foodstuffs.
- 3 Here's one that is very good for pick-me-up or even sustained everyday use:—First meal: Grapefruit with honey, apples or pineapple, or steeped figs or prunes with cereal. Second meal: Baked, grilled or roasted meat with steamed greens and baked potatoes; a milk pudding made with unpolished rice and raisins. Third meal: A large salad containing lettuce, cucumber, young cabbage and tomatoes, sprinkled with a little lemon-juice, eaten with wholemeal bread and butter. Drink a lot of water between meals.

When you've kept your fast and are well into the swing of your getting-over-it-diet a little exercise will make you the man you were before a Merry Christmas.

Rowing is the best exercise for the stomach. You may not have a boat handy. Don't worry. Just sit on the floor and bend the body forward to the waist, breathing out. Then come up and go over backwards, breathing in. Do this six times a morning.

Why not Saturday off?

by Stephen Black

IMPORTANT

The Management have pleasure in announcing the adoption of the five-day week, commencing Monday next. They believe that the additional leisure so afforded will benefit the Staff and will thus...

IN twenty years of British industry 800 managements have made this announcement.

To-day, more than 140,000 workers down tools on Friday night, not to take them up again until Monday morning.

From 1930 to 1934, the number of firms adopting the five-day week increased by 15 per cent, and the number of workers employed under this system by 50 per cent. Since that date, only 0.1 per cent. of these men and women have had to return regularly to work on Saturday mornings.

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In 1910, it is estimated that approximately only 35 large firms in Great Britain gave "Saturday morning off." But post-war economic conditions stimulated the movement, and in 1919 whole trades, affecting hundreds and thousands of workers, went over to the five-day week.

The entire furniture trade in High Wycombe adopted the system by mutual agreement in 1920. From 1921 to 1930 the trade unions and employers of one trade after another investigated the five-day week principle, came to agreement, and finally adopted it.

Manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate, of scales and weighing machines, of biscuits, patent foods, clothing, dyes, varnish and paints, were some of the "pioneers." Wholesale and retail chemists, as well as the manufacturing chemists, were quick to follow suit. Vines, boot polish, knitted goods, glass, bicycles, cameras, soon came under the heading of goods produced by workers employed only from Monday to Friday.

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Firms which have adopted the five-day week claim to have economized on power, heat and light; to have set Saturday aside for maintenance and thus speeded up production during the other five days; to have reduced ill-health among the staff; decreased lateness, absenteeism, accidents and labour turn-over and to have generally built up the morale of their workers.

A questionnaire issued recently to the leading five-day week firms in this country revealed that in some cases production per worker per hour had increased by no less than one-third.

An American firm has published a long and impressive list of manufactured goods valued at

six billion pounds—sales of which would be stimulated by the release of workers with Friday-night pay envelopes in their pockets on Saturday morning.

Items are: Bakery goods, holiday clothing, boots and shoes other than rubber, motor vehicles (excluding motor-cycles), wholesale slaughtering and meat-packing, silk goods and women's clothing.

An economist writes: "The sociological advantages of the system are almost too obvious to require enumeration." He's right.

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A week-end-away-from-home, now practically the monopoly of the middle-classes, becomes possible for all.

"The entire morale of the workers is built up in a quite amazing fashion"—which is another way of saying that they have a greater chance to learn the art of "living" as distinct from the art of "existence."

Arguments are so overwhelming and the benefits of two days' holiday in seven so obvious, that it is surprising that every large concern in the country, to say nothing of the Government (not so surprising) has not taken steps to make the five-day week the standard throughout British industry.

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Who Makes The Rules Of War?

WAR is not a game, but, like football, it has its rules, and these last few years the play has been getting just as rough.

Who makes the rules? Since July 9 last year Japan has been carrying on something suspiciously like war in China, but according to the rules it isn't war, for neither side has declared that they are at war. Nor has any international body or group, like the League of Nations, decided that they are at war.

Now, if the Japanese declare war they will be able to do several things that they are now doing illegally, such as blockading the China coast against ships of all nationalities carrying war materials to China.

For the last eighty or ninety years the nations seem to have been coming to the conclusion that they can't stop war and that therefore they should lay down some rules in writing for it.

Briefly, the rules are based partly on custom and partly on agreements made at international peace-seeking conferences since 1899. The reference in any dispute in interpreting these rules is the World Court at The Hague.

Even before then men were trying to do something about war. For as far back as 1139 the Lateran Council declared that certain weapons, some forms of early artillery, were so inhumane that their use in warfare should be prohibited. (Except against the infidels, who, obviously, were beyond consideration.)

Before the first two Hague Conferences, which took place in 1899 and 1907, Europe had some sort of conscience about what you could do, and what you could not do in war, and it was the business of the conferences to reduce that conscience to a set of rules.

Since then, of course, the rules have been added to from time to time as new weapons and new methods of warfare came into operation.

ALREADY Japan has behaved badly indeed and has disobeyed most of the rules. She has systematically carried out air raids on Nanking, the capital of China, although she had not broken off diplomatic relations with that country. She should do that first.

Then she did another bad thing! She shot the British Ambassador, Sir K. P. Chen, in the back, but apart from shooting one of our representatives she broke another rule.

The Japanese justified or tried to justify the shooting by saying that they thought the British Ambassador was General Chiang Kai-shek, the Prime Minister, who was travelling along the Nanking-Shanghai road and therefore they had ordered all their airmen to fire on that road.

But the rules of warfare forbid any attempt to assassinate the head of an enemy country. For example, to have killed the Kaiser would have been a bad thing.

As the British Government said in their Note to Japan, "It is one of the oldest and best-established rules of international law that direct or deliberate attacks on non-combatants are absolutely prohibited, whether inside or outside the area in which hostilities are taking place."

Now, the snag there is the aeroplane. How can you bomb a town in which there are enemy troops without hitting some of the folk who are not fighting? It reminds you of the difficulty Shylock was placed in when he was permitted to get his pound of flesh without spilling a drop of blood.

LET'S go back to the Hague Conference, a minute, which were organized by the Emperor Nicholas II. of Russia.

When you look at the declarations they adopted, you will be surprised how far we have progressed since those hopeful days of 1899.

The conference prohibited the launching of projectiles and explosives from balloons or by other similar new methods, so they seemed to have anticipated the bomber.

Then they prohibited the use of projectiles whose only object was to spread poison gases. After that, they prohibited the use of bullets which expand or flatten easily in the human body, so that explains the fuss when there's a bit of any nation using dum-dum bullets. Mussolini accused the Abyssinians of using them.

As you know, the poison gas rule was broken by all parties in the great war. So once again the nations in 1925 signed at Geneva the protocol for the prohibition of the use in war of poison gases and also what they called "bacteriological warfare."

As man becomes more inventive, the statesmen have to be kept busy signing new pacts not to use what he invents.

Most charming of all the Hague talks was in 1924. The subject was whether, after an aeroplane had been disabled, you could shoot the pilot and observer who were trying to escape by parachute. They said you could not.

The subject of the bombing of open towns which goes on only in Spain and China was tackled by the Disarmament Conference of 1933. As you know, that conference of

—and who is the referee?

1933. As you know, that conference was a flop, and nothing much has been done about it since.

EVERY little war brings up its problems. You remember that last year a British, a French, and an Italian merchant ship were attacked by Spanish aeroplanes outside the three-mile limit in the Mediterranean, which was quite definitely the game.

The international lawyers didn't know what to do about that very much, because there is no specific rule covering attacks on merchant ships from the air.

But they had some sort of reply, for the London Naval Treaty of 1930 laid it down that a warship or submarine must not sink a merchant vessel without having first placed the passengers and crew in a place of safety. All naval agreements since then have confirmed this.

But how is an aeroplane bombing a ship going to put the passengers and crew in a place of safety. Clearly, it can't be done, so clearly the aeroplane should not bomb merchant or passenger ships.

However, at The Hague in 1923 the British representatives proposed that a merchant vessel must not be attacked by an aeroplane unless it has refused to submit to search, and must not be destroyed until the crew have been placed in safety.

The trouble with all the rules is, of course, that if one side breaks them, so will the other side, for war is a game without a referee.

NOW, about the Japanese blockade of the China coast. It she declares war the rules give her the right of visiting and searching merchant ships, whatever their cargoes, nationalities or destinations.

That is an old rule going back at least 150 years, which may perhaps

destroy your idea of the freedom of the seas, which is a doctrine very dear to the Americans but, curiously, not to us, perhaps because we have the largest navy in the world.

The British Government have always upheld the right to visit and search all merchant vessels under whatever flag they may sail, and in this sense are opponents of the freedom of the seas.

But the rules lay down that this right may only be exercised in the territorial waters of the nations at war, or anywhere upon the high seas, but not in the territorial waters of neutral States.

Now another odd rule about war is that you don't have to serve notice that it is coming off.

It is quite sporting to make a sudden and unexpected declaration of war and to follow it up immediately with an act of war. In this way, an ambassador of a foreign State could march into the Foreign Office with his ultimatum, and at the same time his country's bombers could drop bombs on London.

ALL disputes could be settled by the Permanent Court of Arbitration set up by the Hague Conference to settle disputes which the nations did not want to fight about. That court became part of the League of Nations, with fifteen judges and four deputy judges, and is prepared to decide any question of international law if the nations will only let it.

One of the most important men at the court is an Englishman, tall, soldierly-looking—Sir Cecil Hurst, sometimes described as the ablest international lawyer in the world.

He is also described sometimes as the man who drafted the Versailles Treaty, which is not quite so complimentary.

NOW, what can you say about man's efforts to "humanise" war by making rules for the conduct of it? The plain fact is that there is no way and there never was a way of making war decent.

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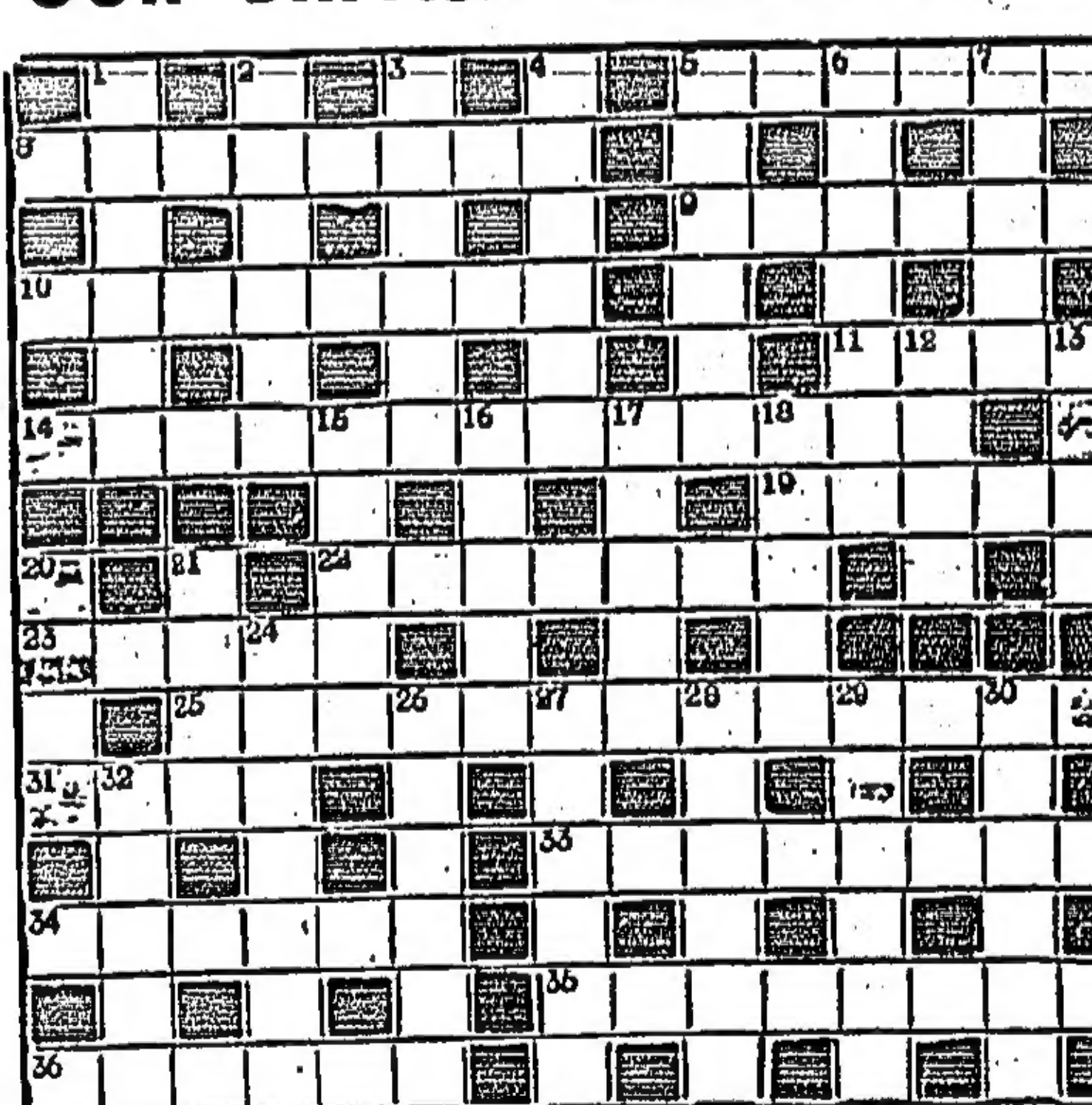
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- "Rotate in scrap" (anag.) (13).
- A bit of valuable money (5).
- Omen (7).
- An inquisitive instrument (5).
- Stock and he then duly agree in an essential way (13).
- Go up (4).
- Artist is turned to unkind writer (8).
- Backward order to become an animal (9).
- Dislike of an account (8).
- Ornament usually round but mostly bent (6).

DOWN

- Neared in other guise (8).
- No city man (8).
- In this part of the Empire even the girls have tin hats apparently (9).
- Two seeds make one (8).
- There's something doing in this (8).
- A bearer of the colours (7).
- Scope for raising cattle? (5).
- The bark of this plant has made many a blight (4).
- It is not always what it says or I should be rich (4).

- Mature (5).
- A piece of 32 down (5).
- Foolish (5).
- "Obviously not 'under the influence' even if the drink has gone to the head (5).
- A musical work no doubt (4).
- For the lazy it may be an incentive to lying (4).
- The kind of question to cause heated discussion (7).
- A "slavery" (6).
- An accident (8).
- Lower incitement to ensnare a lady (8).
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- One may learn from this (8).
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LONDON NEWSPAPER'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CHIANG KAI-SHEK

JAPANESE PEACE TERMS SPURNED

Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese Generalissimo, in an exclusive cable to the London *News Chronicle* from his Hankow headquarters, emphatically rejects the peace terms involving surrender which the Japanese Government wishes to impose.

One of the chief Japanese conditions is that China should link herself with the Berlin-Rome-Tokio anti-Communist "triangle."

Spurning this demand, the Chinese leader declares: "China refuses to be bludgeoned into joining any anti-Communist bloc."

The *News Chronicle* submitted a number of questions to the Generalissimo. These, with his replies, are set out in his cable.

HOW POWERS CAN HELP

By GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Following is my reply to the questions submitted by the *News Chronicle*:

Question: What is the significance of the latest changes in the composition of the Chinese Government?

Reply: In order to develop continued resistance to Japanese aggression the Chinese Government has been reorganized to secure efficiency through simplification of the administration, systematic mobilization of national man-power and resources, and by marshalling popular effort and patriotism.

LOYAL SUPPORT OF MASSES

Question: Are you confident that you can retain the loyal support of the great mass, despite the formation of puppet Governments in Nanking and elsewhere?

Reply: Pro-Japan puppet regimes will not adversely affect the loyal

NEW BOMB-PROOF BATTLESHIPS

NAVAL REPLY TO AIR MENACE

2 SEPARATE HULLS
INSIDE OUTER SHELL
LOCALISING DAMAGE

How the naval constructor is meeting the air threat to the battleship is revealed by certain data now available, says Hector C. Bywater in the *Daily Telegraph*.

They show that Britain, the United States, France and Germany are building capital ships of such enormous strength that they should be able to defy not only air attack alone but the heaviest blows administered by gun, torpedo, or mine—weapons which naval authorities consider to be more dangerous than aircraft bombs.

The battleships now building in America and Germany, which are believed to have much in common with the British vessels of the King George V. class, are designed on the principle of a Chinese "puzzle box." In that two, if not three, separate inner hulls are fitted into the outer shell.

Machinery and magazine spaces, the "vitals" of a warship, are contained in the innermost "box," and are thus completely isolated from the effect of explosions which breach the outer hull and even shatter the first of the inner hulls.

HONEYCOMB OF CELLS
Further, each of the "boxes" is subdivided by stout bulkheads into scores of watertight compartments, the whole structure forming a steel honeycomb of strongly built cells.

In planning this method of defence the constructors based their estimate of damage on the most powerful gun projectiles, torpedoes, mines and aircraft bombs likely to be produced in future years. Full account was taken of the effect of air bombs which may miss the ship, but detonate close alongside under water.

To ensure that aircraft bombs or gun projectiles descending at a steep angle do not pierce to the vitals of the ship, at least two massive armour plates are fitted side by side, forming a gigantic double carapace over the most vulnerable compartments.

In the American ships, Washington and North Carolina, the total thickness of the decks is 10 inches, equivalent to more than 2½ ft. of wrought iron. No bomb carried by aircraft now existing, or likely to exist in the calculable future, would, it is claimed, be capable of penetrating the defence.

These facts may explain why the naval staffs of the leading Powers are supremely confident that their new battleships would remain afloat and in fighting trim despite the heaviest punishment which it would be possible to inflict on them with the weapon of to-day and to-morrow.

support of the people; on the other hand, they will intensify it, since these puppet regimes are not voluntary, but imposed by Japanese force.

Question: In what way, short of intervention, could Britain best support China's cause?

Reply: If Occidental Powers tolerate this farcical procedure, their prestige and interests in Asia are doomed. If they do not want to abandon the maintenance of treaties, international law and human rights, and do not wish to employ force to uphold them, they possess the power to preserve civilisation from destruction by curtailing Japan's financial and economic freedom of operation in the world's markets by ordinary banking and business processes.

PLEA FOR ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

They can also enable China to receive munitions and equipment to carry on the defensive war into which she has been forced.

Question: Is there any possibility of the Chinese Government accepting the Japanese invitation to join the anti-Communist bloc?

Reply: China upholds the treaties and upholds the non-aggression pacts wherein she has placed her signature, which is sufficient reason why she refuses to be bludgeoned into joining any anti-Communist bloc.

Long campaigns to secure the unity of China have given Japan the opportunity to take her at a tremendous disadvantage, but Japan has done more ill to the Chinese people and foreign interests in a few months than war lords and so-called Communists combined have done in 20 years.

Question: What in general terms would you regard as a reasonable basis on which peace negotiations might be considered?

Reply: Because of Japan's merciless slaughtering of our people and laying waste of our country, there can be no peace that does not restore our full sovereignty and our honour.

STOP PRESS NEWS

FIGHTING RAGES ON TSINPU LINE

Luan, Anhwei, Feb. 8.
Both a telephone message from Hsueh and a wireless report from Shouhsien claim that Tingyuan, important town 35 miles west of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, has been recaptured by the Chinese regular troops, militia units and "Red Spear Corps" in a concerted counter-offensive. However, official confirmation to this effect is lacking.

Bitter fighting is reported to be in progress at Yungkuangien, Hwaiyuan, and Liufu, points west of the railway. Japanese artillery units between Pengpu and Linshankuan on the railway are intermittently shelling Chinese positions on the north bank of the Hwai River.

Another attempt made by the Japanese troops to cross to the north bank of the Hwai River was frustrated by the Chinese forces yesterday. Japanese armoured cars and tanks fired a heavy barrage at the north bank to cover the crossing of their troops, but Chinese machine-gun and artillery fire drove the Japanese back.—*Central News*.

PENGPU LOOTED TWICE UPON ITS FALL

Huachow, Feb. 8.
Pengpu was looted twice upon its falling into Japanese hands, according to a refugee who fled here.

The enemy vanguards, mostly Korean and Manchukuo irregulars, first looted the city. Later the Japanese troops entered the city and started a second looting.

Rape, incendiarism and killings are daily occurrences, it is said. Several huge fires were still flaring in the city yesterday, he added.

Fengyang, Linshankuan and Hwaiyuan are suffering the same fate as that of Pengpu, he declared.—*Central News*.

EMPIRE NEWS

AUSTRALIAN PLEA FOR TRADE PACT

Sydney.
Prof. D. B. Copland, Professor of Commerce in the University of Melbourne, in an article published in a number of the *States of Australia*, stated that the Commonwealth could play an important part in the trade pact negotiations with the United States.

The Ottawa Agreement was in the nature of a defensive pact to deal with a desperate situation and prevent a further drop in the prices of primary products, Prof. Copland wrote. Conditions had, however, changed.

Between two-thirds and three-quarters of Australia's exports consisted of raw materials which benefited or suffered seriously proportionately as world trade was made easier or hampered.

Wool and metals, including gold, were the most important exports, these totalling £100,000,000 last year. Even a 10 per cent. drop in the values of these was more important than all the other exports. The Anglo-American trade parleys were only likely to affect barley, meat and fresh and dried fruits to the value of £5,000,000, and concessions to the United States in these were a negligible matter compared with the effects of larger exports and of world trade expansion brought about by the Anglo-American pact.

CANADA

DEFENCE POLICY

Ottawa.
A statement made by Mr. Houde, three times Mayor of Montreal and independent candidate in the St. Henry by-election, that a "secret report at Ottawa from the British military organisation, required Canada to send five divisions of troops, wherever necessary, for the defence of the Empire," is today denied by Mr. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Defence.

Mr. Mackenzie said that Canada's position regarding the armed forces, was unaltered since the House of Commons met 11 months ago. "I repeat now what I said then, namely, that we—this country, this Parliament, this Government—are unconcerned with any policy of aggression. We are concerned purely, simply and entirely with the defence of Canada."

STOP PRESS NEWS

CLOUSTON GIVES UP RECORD ASSAULT

Istanbul, Feb. 7.
It is learned that Flight Lieut. Clouston, who, accompanied by Mr. Victor Ricketts, was attempting a flight from England to New Zealand and back in twelve days, has abandoned the attempt.

He has decided to return to England, and is leaving Adana in his Comet plane on Tuesday.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE AIRMEN RENEW ACTIVITY

Canton, Feb. 8.
Despite continued unfavourable weather, Japanese aeroplanes resumed their activities this morning, and air raid alarms were sounded in Canton for the first time in two days.

No details of the raids have been received in Canton beyond the fact that a number of Japanese machines were sighted over Tongkwan. It is generally assumed that they are engaged on routine bombings of the Canton-Hankow Railway.—*Reuter*.

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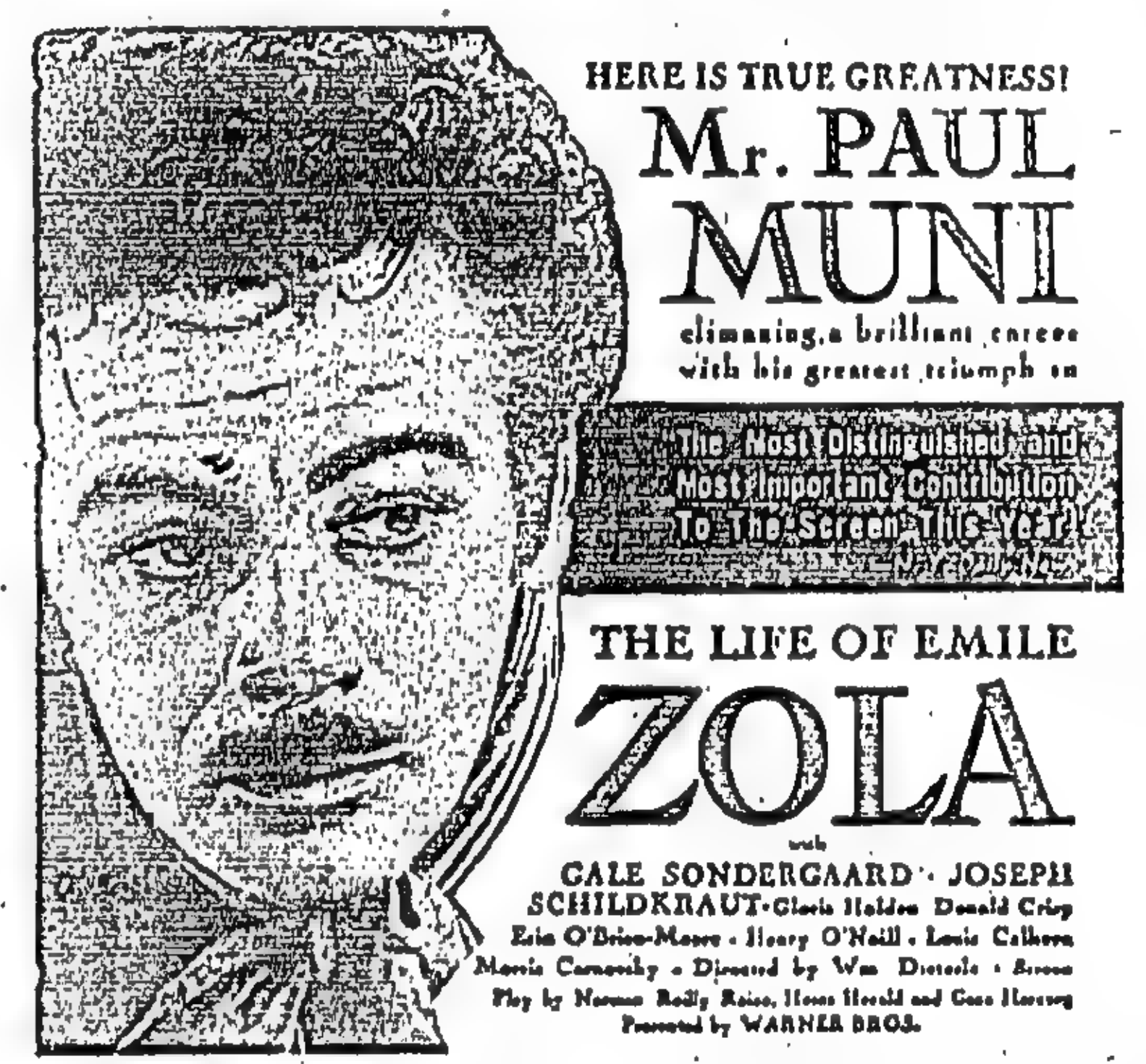


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Japan Making "Recognition" Gesture Soon

Tokyo, Feb. 7.
The Japanese Government will extend recognition to the new North China administration as soon as a regime is established in Central China and definite links are forged between the two administrations, the newspaper *Yomiuri Shinbun* predicts today.

Simultaneous with the recognition of the Peiping Government, Japan is appointing a new ambassador to China, the journal adds.—*Reuter*.

Economic Development

Tokyo, Feb. 8.
Arrangements have been made for conversations between Mr. Hatusaburo Hirota, President of the semi-official Japan Iron Manufacturing Company, and General Hirotsugu Terachi, Commander-in-Chief of the Expeditionary Force in the North China area, on the economic development of North China, according to Japanese reports received here from Peiping.

Mr. Hirota, who is slated to become supreme economic adviser to the new "Provisional Government," arrived at Peiping from Japan on February 5.—*Reuter*.

Funds for University

Tokyo, Feb. 7.
The Rev. Benkyo Shilo has launched a nationwide drive for funds to establish a Buddhist University in Peiping. He said that the Chinese Provisional Government had assured him of assistance.—*United Press*.

CONSULS APPOINTED

Puppet Officers in Korea
And Manchukuo

Shanghai, Feb. 7.
A Japanese Embassy spokesman revealed today that the Peiping Provisional Government last Thursday established de facto relations with Manchukuo and Korea, appointing a Consul-General to Seoul, a Vice-Consul to Gensan, Consul to Fusan, and a Consul to Hainghu, Manchukuo.—*United Press*.

The spokesman smilingly replied, "Not yet," when a correspondent asked whether the Provisional Government had appointed an Ambassador to Tokyo says *Reuter*.

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Winter Beauty Rules

HERE is a good winter beauty treatment (in fact, one could also call it a health treatment), which is simple, practical, and does not waste too much time.

You begin the day with some quick, easy exercises as follows:

1. Twist the body to right, and then to left, six times each, keeping the lower limbs perfectly still.
2. Bend forward and touch your toes without bending your knees ten times.
3. Bend to the right side, and afterwards to the left, six times, still allowing the legs to remain still.
4. Stretch out the arms horizontally, and raise first the right leg, and then the left, until they are in line with the body. This exercise should be repeated at least six times, and the body should be kept still. It is an excellent exercise for giving balance and a graceful carriage.

Five Minutes Only for Exercise

5. A skipping exercise will stimulate every muscle in your body. Swing your arms round and round, accompanying the swing with a tripping jump. You can use a skipping-rope if you like. Your exercises, after you have acquired the habit of them, should not take more than five minutes, as they should be done quickly. You will feel warm and glowing after them.

If you take your bath in the morning, you should have it after your exercises. A morning bath can be warm, but not too warm, and it should be a very quick affair. A good rapid rub down with a loofah will stimulate circulation.

After you have dried yourself vigorously with a fairly rough towel, you will feel ready for everything the day has to offer.

Applying Skin Food to the Face

Massage in a little skinfood if your skin is very dry and allow it remain on while you are dressing—remove it, and dab your skin with a good stimulant before you apply your foundation cream.

When using both your creams and your lotions, see that you go along the muscle structure of the face, correctly.

From the chin to the temple, moving close to the ears, lies the main facial muscle; work across the face to the ears, under the cheekbone, and you are helping to preserve the youth contours of the face.

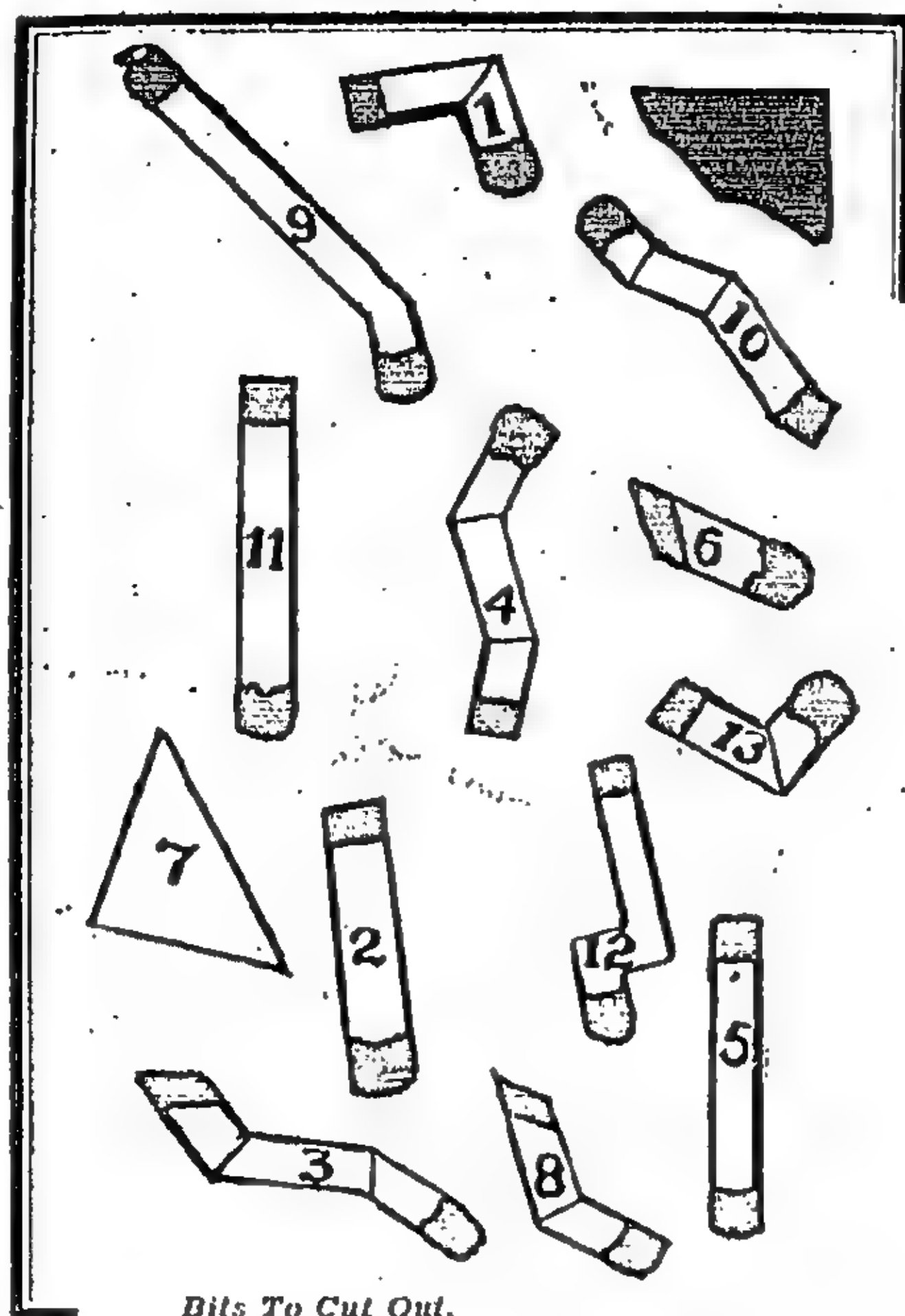
If your bath is a night one, you will have more time at your disposal, and you can make it a leisurely affair.

You can take this opportunity also for giving your skin a good treatment with hot oils. Heat a desert-spoonful of sweet almond oil and a teaspoonful of olive oil mixed together, and after your face and neck have been well cleaned, massage in the hot oil.

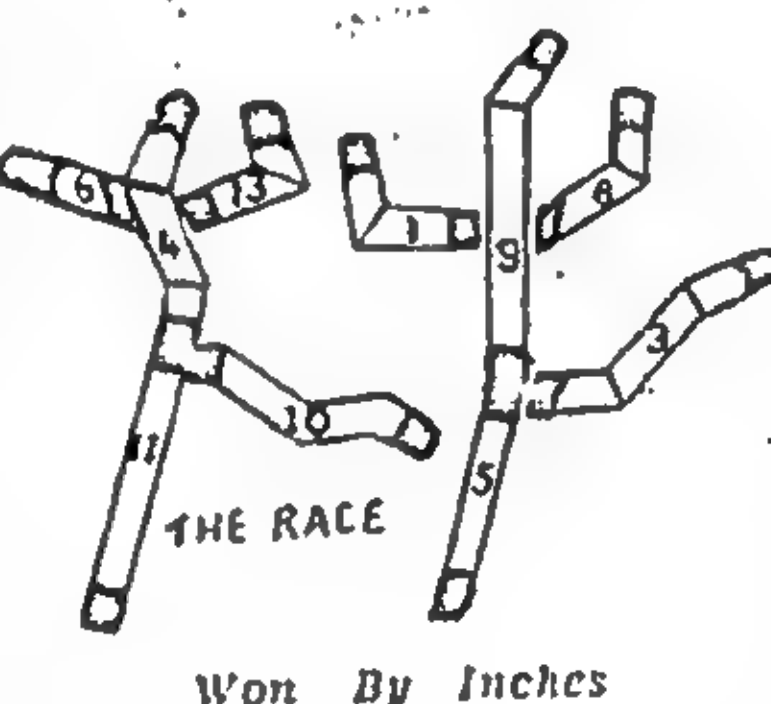
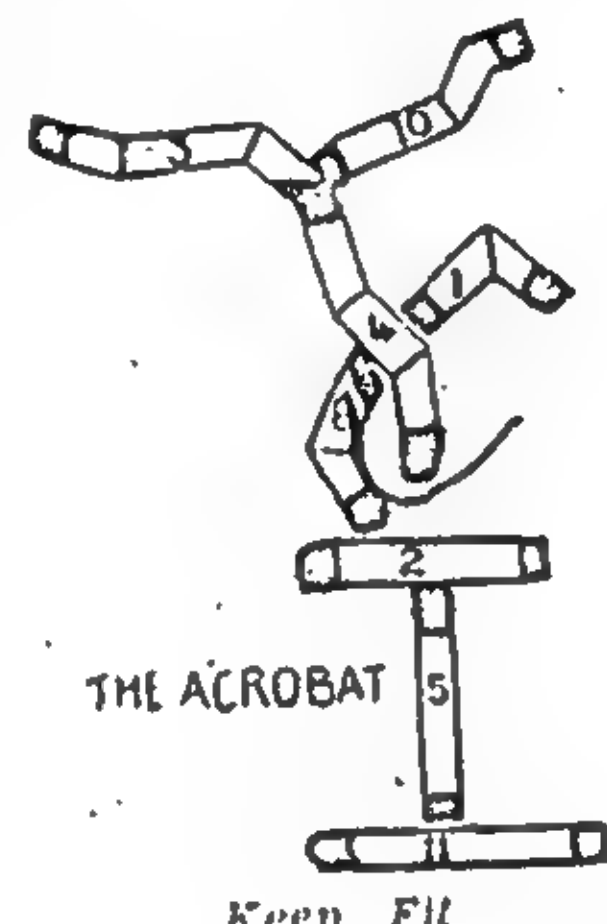
Leave it while you are in your bath; then remove any oil which your skin has not absorbed and apply with a cotton-wool pad this lotion:—Take four tablespoonfuls of fresh milk and one tablespoonful of rosewater, mix them well together. (This lotion must be made freshly for each occasion.) Let it dry on, and leave it. It is a good lotion for any occasion.

J. S.

GET YOUR GUESTS TO TRY THIS . . .



Bits To Cut Out.



Sitting Still Is Not So Easy!

THOSE who think that, to become an artist's model, one must be a brainless creature too lazy to find a proper job, are very much mistaken. Being a model does not necessitate any lack of morals. It necessitates hard work.

If anyone imagines that standing or sitting still is as easy as eating jam, let her try it. It may be quite easy for the first quarter of an hour, more or less bearable till the half-hour, but by the time the hour is reached, it becomes absolute agony. I know! I have sat and stood in various poses for hours on end, and at the end of the day I was more tired than if I had undertaken a hard day's washing.

I shall never forget the thrill and the agony of my first sitting. The artist, a very sympathetic lady who recognised my rawness, chalked a mark on her studio floor. On this I was told to fix my eyes, with my head slightly to the side in a listening attitude, so that the pose of my head would not alter. There I sat in a flowing robe of blue, holding something in my hand. What it was, I cannot recall, but I know that after the first half-hour it was agonising to hold.

Resolutely I fixed my eyes on the chalkmark and sat so still that I scarcely allowed myself to breathe, so anxious was I not to spoil the pose. Presently I was forced to relax. I found my body sagging. "Steady please," admonished the artist.

A Wearisome Job

The moments trickled past. All I could hear was the swish of the artist's brush. I could not see what she was painting on the canvas. I could see nothing but the chalkmark, which began to dance wildly before my eyes. I tried hard to avoid the fixed and wooden expression that weariness and discomfort were bringing to my features. The artist had told me to smile, but have you ever tried to keep the same smile fixed on your face for an hour on end?

At last, however, when I seemed to be melting with a thousand pains and gradually drifting into a state of coma, the artist told me to relax. To my dismay I found that I could not. There I sat with my eyes fixed grimly to the chalk mark, a grisly smile on my lips and my head clutching desperately the object that lay in my lap. At length I managed to stir myself, but it was a long time before I got rid of that crick in the neck or forgot the agony of my first sitting.

That, of course, was long ago. One has to go through an apprenticeship,

THIS easily made sweet—good children's parties or for a special dessert—is made with the big, meaty Italian chestnuts.

Make Friends With the Dentist

CARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S TEETH

YOU cannot start too soon to take your child to the dentist. From his earliest days he should regard the dentist as a familiar acquaintance rather than a stranger to be dreaded. If you wait until the school dentist orders dental treatment for your child you have waited far too long. He should pay a visit to a dentist when he is young so that he cannot remember his first visit, and it is a wise plan for the mother to take him from the time he is two or three years old whenever she pays her own periodical visits to his surgery. Then the child can be put in the dental chair and undergo a rapid inspection. For the first half-dozen times there will probably be nothing to do, but the examinations will have laid their value, for in future the child will be fearless in the dentist's hands.

Most young children are mechanically minded and find a dentist's "gadgets" far more fascinating to look at than any toy. Mothers should do their best to make "dentist day" something of a festival by combining it with some small treat. It is a great mistake to imagine that the treatment of first teeth does not matter. To be sure they cannot last long, but the longer they are preserved the better chance have the permanent ones that follow them. A healthy mouth is essential at the bone forming period, and decayed first teeth are injurious to the growth of the second set. So slight are professional operations on baby teeth that the child hardly associates a sense of pain with them and is free from that horrible sinking feeling that so many people experience in the dentist's waiting-room.

Encourage Tooth-Brush Drill

A little personal vanity with regard to teeth is a good thing, and a small boy or girl who exclaims "see how white my teeth are," should never be snubbed. Tooth brush drill should be encouraged by making it as interesting as possible. Children love colour and change, and sometimes a slack child can be made a more industrious tooth brusher by the purchase of a new and fascinating brush, an ornamental box of powder, or a brilliantly coloured tube of paste.

It is strange how most mothers even to become an artist's model. By now I have learned how to ward off aches and pains and cricks in the neck, how to conserve myself so that even a long sitting does not weary me to such an extent, at any rate, as that first one did.

It is worth it all, for the greatest of all thrills has been when the work of some artist has been hung in the Galleries and I have gone, a humble spectator, to gaze at the result of all my aches and pains. Sitting still may not be easy, but it has its compensations.

HERE is a gentle amusement—so good for the digestion—that may answer for you that "What shall I do now?" or "What shall I give them to do now?" feeling that occurs to most of us at some time during the winter months when parties are the vogue.

All you need to do is cut out the curious shapes marked with numbers on the left—and, if you like, stick them on cardboard—and then see how many "pictures" you can form with them.

It is simple enough for quite young children to try, and amusing to occupy even the over-forties.

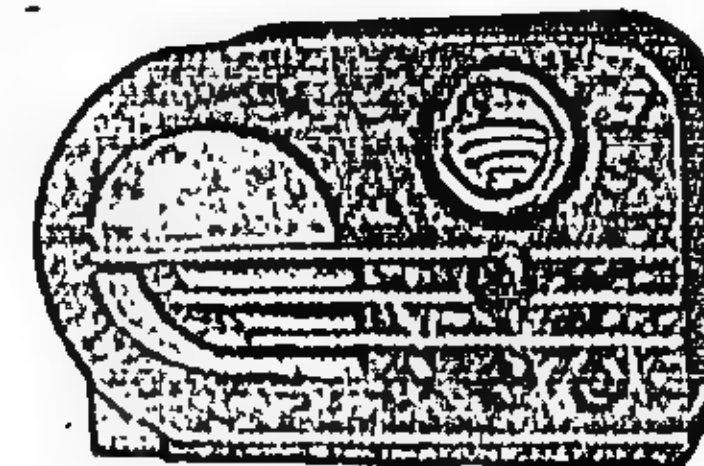
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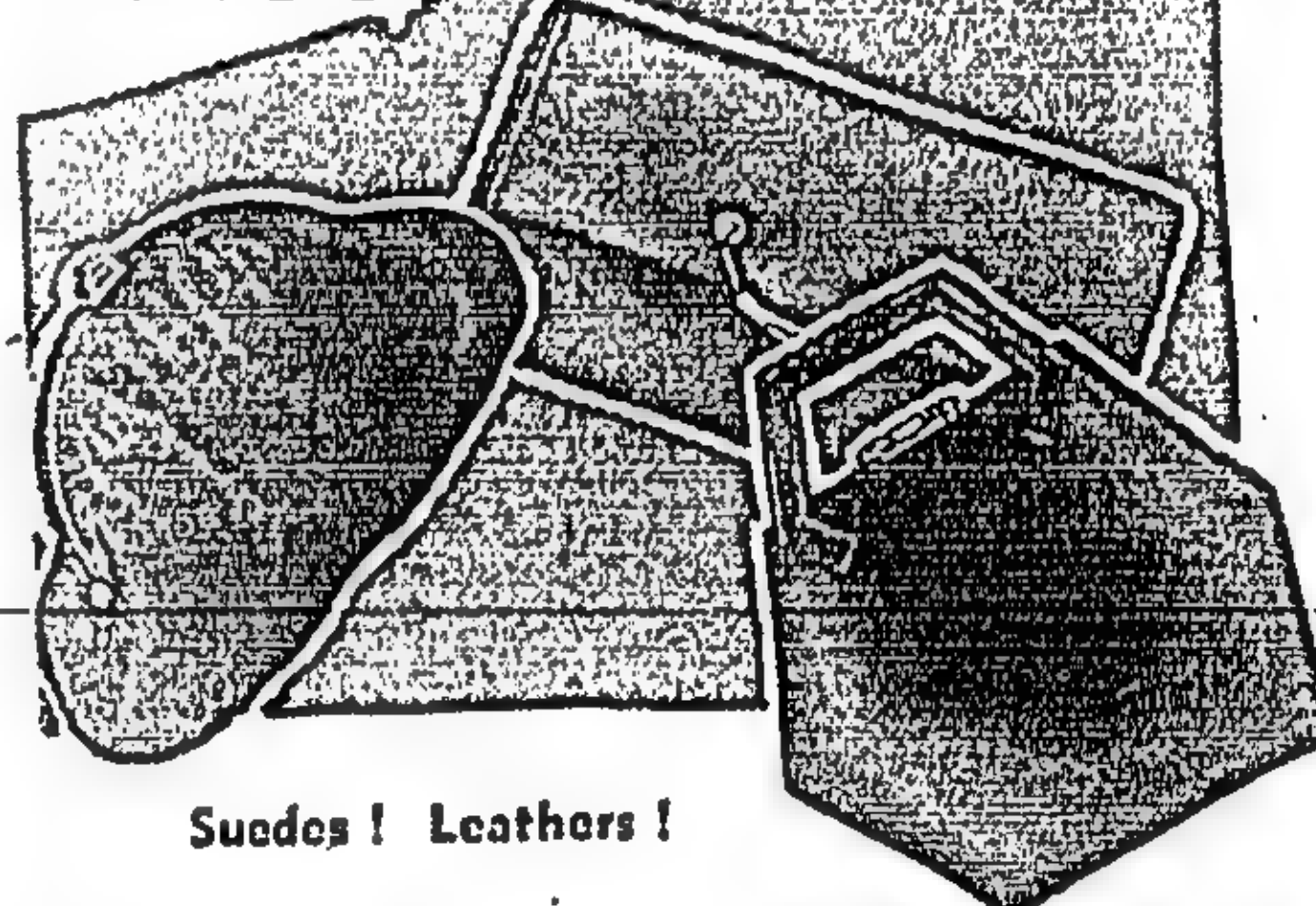
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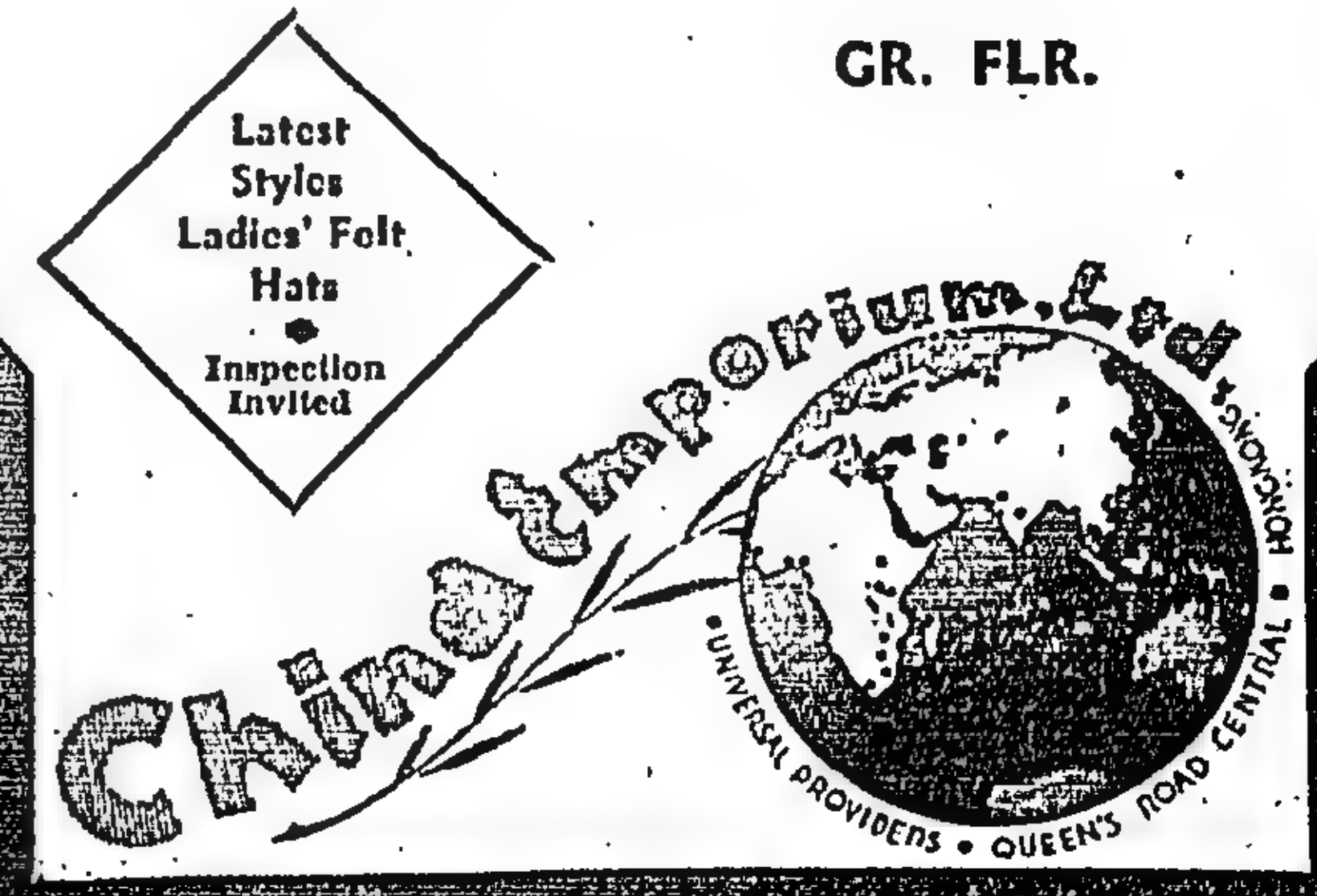
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to eat while they play. Nearly every child likes sweets and this is a sign of a healthy appetite, but the craving should be satisfied during, rather than after, meals. The cultivation of good habits at home is the best means of making the dentist the friend of your child,

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Foreign Pilots Attack Japanese Position

LEGION FLIERS IN ACTION ON PENGPU FRONT

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CHINESE RETAKE YUHANG IN COUNTER ATTACKS

Hankow, Feb. 8.

It is now disclosed that the seven Chinese planes which participated in the counter-offensive launched in the Pengpu sector of the Tientsin-Pukow railway zone yesterday morning were piloted by members of the "Foreign Squadron," a band of foreigners of various nationalities who came to China voluntarily to help her in her fight against Japan.

While various members of the Foreign Squadron had previously engaged Japanese aircraft in combat, yesterday was the first time the foreign airmen had attacked a Japanese position as a unit.—*Reuter*.

CHINESE FORCES RETAKE YUHANG

Shunan, Chekiang, Feb. 8. Braving snow and bitter weather, Chinese forces launched a fierce counter-offensive on Yuhang, 15 kilometres west of Hangchow, on February 6 and recaptured the city, according to belated reports received here.

The Chinese forces re-entered the city at 2 p.m. after routing the Japanese troops. The populace was jubilant when it saw the Chinese flag again hoisted on the city walls. The Japanese troops have retreated to Hsieninfu, south-east of Yuhang. Their defeat is attributed to the muddy terrain, which rendered their mechanized units ineffective.

The victorious Chinese forces from Yuhang are now pushing toward Hsieninfu and Hangchow.

FUYANG ALSO ATTACKED

Meanwhile, a fierce counter-

offensive is also being launched upon Fuyang, south of Hangchow, by the Chinese forces. Despite the rain, a Chinese column attacked the west gate of the city yesterday whilst a Peace Preservation Corps unit stole a crossing over the Fu Chun River and advanced on the city from the south. A fierce artillery duel took place between the Chinese and Japanese batteries on opposite banks of the river. The battle was reported to be still in progress up till an early hour this morning.

With the intention of menacing the Japanese rear a Chinese mobile unit has crossed the Chientang River and is harassing the Japanese at Haining.—*Central News*.

FIGHTING RAGES ON TSINPU LINE

Luan, Anhwei, Feb. 8. Both a telephone message from Hefei and a wireless report from Shouhsien claim that Thuyuan,

important town 35 miles west of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, has been recaptured by the Chinese regular troops, militia units and "Red Spear Corps" in a concerted counter-offensive. However, official confirmation to this effect is lacking.

Bitter fighting is reported to be in progress at Yunmengchen, Hwai-yuan, and Liufu, points west of the railway. Japanese artillery units between Pengpu and Linhaiwan on the railway are intermittently shelling Chinese positions on the north bank of the Hwai River.

Another attempt made by the Japanese troops to cross to the north bank of the Hwai River was frustrated by the Chinese forces yesterday. Japanese armoured cars and tanks fired a heavy barrage at the north bank to cover the crossing of their troops, but Chinese machine-gun and artillery fire drove the Japanese back.—*Central News*.

PENGPU LOOTED TWICE UPON ITS FALL

Hsuechow, Feb. 8. Pengpu was looted twice upon its falling into Japanese hands, according to a refugee who fled here.

The enemy vanguards, mostly Korean and Manchukuo irregulars, first looted the city. Later the Japanese troops entered the city and started a second looting.

Rape, incendiarism and killings are daily occurrences, it is said. Several huge fires were still flaring in the city yesterday, he added.

Fengyang, Linhaiwan and Hwaiyuan are suffering the same fate as that of Pengpu, he declared.—*Central News*.

CHINESE GUERRILLAS ACTIVE

Hsuechow, Feb. 8. A Chinese guerrilla unit has reached the vicinity of Tehchow on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung and is harassing the Japanese troops there.

Since January 25, several surprise attacks have been made by the guerrillas on isolated Japanese units. On one occasion a party of Japanese airmen was attacked at a point south of Tehchow. Five of them were killed. Three Japanese railway guards were also shot dead on another occasion.—*Central News*.

JAPANESE SPIES IN NINGHSIA
Linfen, Feb. 8. The Ninghsia authorities are taking strict precautionary measures against Japanese spies who are reported to have filtered into the province from Suiyuan, word received here states.

Col. Mitsui, head of the Japanese special service section in Suiyuan recently called a conference of the branch sections at Kailan, and other cities in Suiyuan to discuss new plans for their work, it is reported.—*Central News*.

OBITUARY

FAMOUS RUBBER MAGNATE

HARVEY FIRESTONE DIES AT MIAMI BEACH

Miami, Beach, Feb. 7.

The death is announced of Mr. Harvey S. Firestone, the famous rubber magnate and head of one of the biggest tyre manufacturing firms in the United States.—*Reuter*.

The late Mr. Firestone, was born in Ohio in 1838, and educated at a business college. In 1891 he became president of the Victor Rubber Co., and a few years later organised the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co. of U.S.A., following this up with a similar company in Canada and also the Firestone Steel Products Co., and various other concerns.

During the World War, in addition to being a member of the Ohio Council of Defence, he was president of the Rubber Association of America, organising its activities for war-work.

OPPOSED RUBBER RESTRICTIONS

In 1922 he led a campaign in opposition to the scheme put into force by the British Government on restricting the output of rubber as a means of building up the industry. Looking round for competitive sources, Firestone was largely instrumental in inducing the rubber-growing countries of the Philippines and certain South American countries. He also started in Liberia, West Africa, a number of rubber plantations on which he decided to spend £20,000,000. Entering into an agreement with the Liberian Government for lease of 1,000,000 acres, he had got by the end of 1928 about 30,000 acres under cultivation; 6,000,000 young rubber trees had been planted, miles of good roads had been constructed and buildings of various kinds erected. About 10,000 native labourers were being employed.

In 1929, Firestone began operations in England by opening a large, up-to-date factory at Brentford, near London. At the luncheon in connection with his inauguration Firestone from his office at Akron, Ohio, exchanged greetings by wireless telephone with Sir Wyndham-Willis, the British Home Secretary. Among Firestone's benefactions is a yearly scholarship giving four years' college education to the high school student who writes the best essay on good roads and highway transportation.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks	
H.K. Banks, \$1,400 b. cum. div.	
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £88 n.	
Chartered Banks, £12½ n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £29 n.	
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$92 b.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., \$260 n.	
Union Ins., \$502 s.	
China Underwriters, \$1.40 b.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$97½ b.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$91 n.	
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.	
Shell Bearer 91/10½ n.	
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & Wharves, \$117 b.	
H.K. W. Docks, \$28½ b. and sa.	
Providents (old), \$2.55 b.	
Providents (new), 50 cts. b.	
New Engineering, Sh. \$5 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. —	
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/- n.	
Rauhs, \$7¼ n.	
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.	
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Anlamok, P. 61 sa.	
Atok, P. 20 sa.	
Bingulo Gold, P. 24 sa.	
Benguet Consol., P. —	
Benguet Explor., P. 9.80 sa.	
Big Wedge, P. —	
Coco Grove, P. 62 sa.	
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.	
Demonstrations, P. .43 sa.	
E. Mindanao, P. —	
Gumauas G'fields, P. —	
Ipo Gold, P. —	
I.X.L., P. .68 sa.	
Ilogons, P. —	
Masbate Consols., P. —	
Min. Resources, P. —	
Northern Min., P. —	
Paracale Gumauas, P. —	
Salacot Mining, P. —	
San Mauricio, P. .72 sa.	
Suyoc Consol., P. .20 sa.	
United Paracales, P. .54 sa.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.80 b. and sa.	
H.K. Lands, \$22½ n.	
H.K. Lands, 4½ Deben, \$100 n.	
S'hai Lands, Sh. \$6¼ sa.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —	
Humphries, \$8¼ n.	
H.K. Realities, \$4.75 b.	
Chinese Estates, \$88 n.	
China Realities, Sh. —	
China Deben, —	
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$14.70 sa.	
Peak Trams (old), \$8½ b.	
Peak Trams (new), \$3¼ s.	
Star Ferries \$87 n.	
Yau-mat Ferries (old), \$24 n.	
China Light (old), \$10.80 b. and sa.	
China Light (new), \$7.48 n.	
H.K. Electric, \$49¼ b.	

North China's New Bank To Open March 1

Regulations Disclosed By Spokesman

Peking, Feb. 7.

A "Provisional Government" spokesman announces that the new Federal Reserve Bank of China will open for business in Peking and in Tientsin on March 1.

The new Reserve Bank will have a capital of \$50,000,000, half of which is subscribed by the provisional government and the remainder by eight participating Chinese banks here and in Tientsin.

The bank will have advisers, presumably Japanese, who will be empowered to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Regulations governing the organization of the bank state that cover for a note issue must be at least 40 per cent., in gold, silver and or foreign currency, and not more than 60 per cent. of Government securities and other bonds or bills guaranteed by the Government.

As it is believed that there is no gold or silver available for cover, unless it has been imported from Japan, it appears that the only cover procurable is bank notes of the three Central Government banks. These notes still circulate here at par.—*Reuter*.

SEEKING SUPPORT OF MOHAMMEDANS

Peking, Feb. 7.

The "Provisional Government," in a bid to obtain the support of the millions of Chinese Mohammedans, has organized a "Mohammedan Central Union."

The ceremony was attended by several hundred prominent Mohammedans, including the Japanese advisers to the new government.

The appeal to Chinese Mohammedans will be based on anti-Communism, which is charged with anti-religious and anti-Mohammedan campaigns in which Mohammedan and other religious temples have been converted into factories and theatres, while hundreds of Mohammedans have been killed for their religious beliefs.

Numerous slogans—such as "China, Japan and Manchukuo must co-operate to overthrow the monstrously evil Communism"—are being distributed.—*United Press*.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Held" (King's Theatre, to-day).—It is amazing how Shirley Temple continues to thrill the world with her performances before the mike and the camera. Here she scores again, not in a role demanding of her only a depth of feeling seldom expected of a child actor before.

"The Life of Emilio Zola" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Zola himself would have approved of the cinematic treatment of his career because of its fairly realistic manner and its prevailing air of truth in spite of the many distortions of history necessary to fit the facts into dramatic form. The picture is all Paul Muni, who gives another first-class characterization.

"High Flyers" (Alhambra Theatre to-day).—Final showings of this Wheeler-Woolsey fun-fest. They are this time added and abetted by Lupe Velez.

"Way Out West" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Those who like Laurel and Hardy as a rule will find this picture amusing. It is on the old line, disguised with new rags.

"Wee Willie Winkie" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Second Shirley Temple picture on at the moment. It is being put on for one day only, by special request.

Macao Electric, \$10¼ n.
Sundown Lights, \$14¼ n.
Telephone (old), \$26.10 n.
Telephone (new), \$9 n.
China Buses, Sh. —
Singapore Traction, 22/6 n.
Singapore Fret, 23/- n.

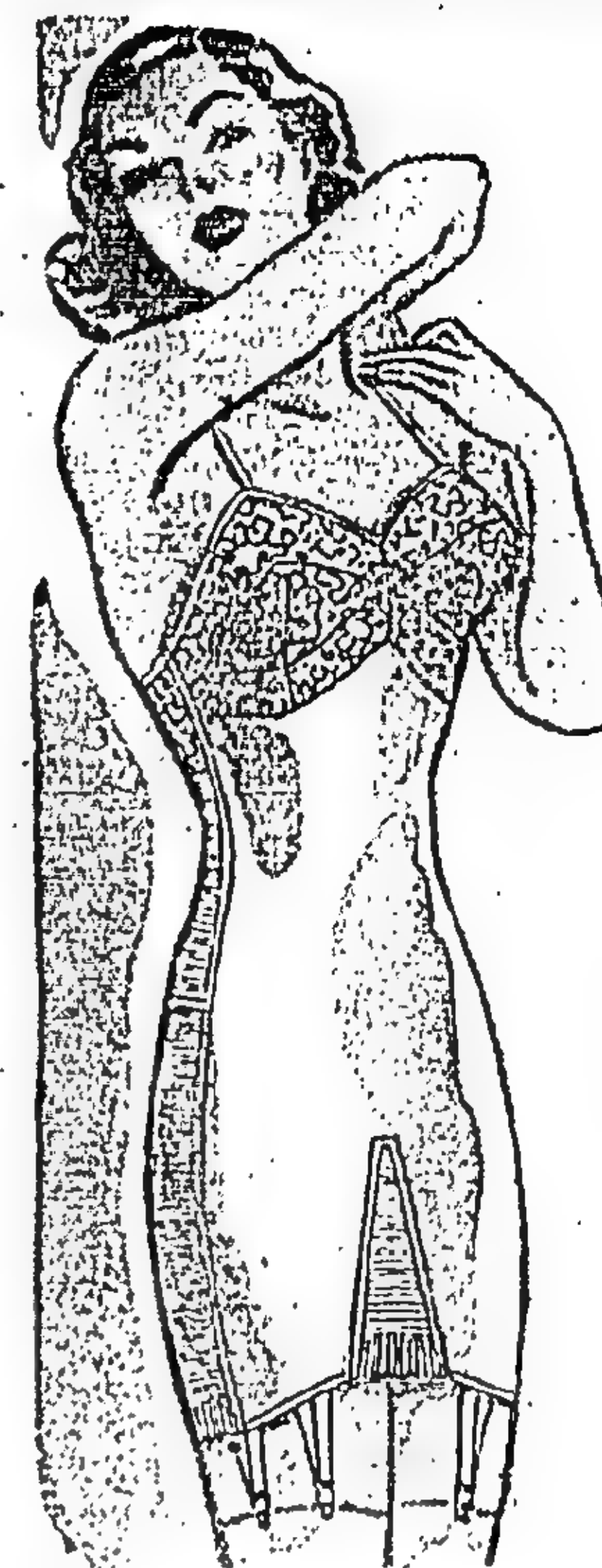
Cold: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14¼ n.
Cold: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$13.50 b.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.50 n.

Dairy Farm, \$25.10 b.
Watsons, \$9.40 b.
Lane Crawford, \$7 n.
Sincere, \$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n.
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. s.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$10 n.
S'hai Cotton (old), Sh. \$37 b.
Zong Sing, Sh. —
Wing On Textile, Sh. —

H.K. Entertainments, \$8.25 n.
Constructions, \$1¼ b.
Vibro Piling, \$8 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1915 G.Bds. 64% n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 4% n.
Wallace Harpers, \$5¼ b.
Marsden Ins. (Lon.), 4/- 17/6 n.
Marsden Ins. (H.K.), 4/- 4/8 b.



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DEMANDS STIFFER DISCIPLINE

Matsui Aroused By
Tales Of Army's
Excesses

High Officers Hear Address

Shanghai, Feb. 8.
Aroused by reports of continued excesses on the part of Japanese troops and the scathing comment occasioned thereby, General Matsui, commanding the Japanese troops in North China, addressing commanders on the wind-swept parade ground at Nanking, instructed them to tighten the discipline of their units in order "to enhance the prestige of the Imperial army."

This action is described as unprecedented in the annals of the Japanese army, and followed a memorial service for Japanese officers and men killed in action.

Among the high officers addressed by General Matsui were Lieutenant-General Prince Yasuhiko Asahi, commanding the Japanese forces in the Nanking area, who is a member of the Japanese Imperial family.

Speaking at length on the determination of the Japanese forces to face the prospect of prolonged hostilities, General Matsui called the attention of his subordinates to the necessity of putting to an end various reports affecting the prestige of Japanese troops.—Reuter.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR FAMOUS SOLDIER AND BELOVED ACTOR

London, Feb. 7.
Two memorial services were held in London yesterday. One was for a famous British soldier and the other for a famous actor.

At St. Columba Church in Bond Street a service was held in memory of Earl Haig. The President and members of the British Legion were present, as well as representatives of the Royal Horse Guards, the Brigade of Guards and a large contingent of the London Scottish Regiment.

The other service was held at St. Martin-in-the-Field, in memory of the hundredth birthday of Sir Henry Irving, the famous Victorian actor. Hundreds of actors and actresses, as well as others connected with the theatrical world, were present at the service.—Reuter.

Help Kidneys

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Your kidneys have nine million tiny tubes or filters which are endangered by neglect or drastic irritating drugs. Beware! If kidney trouble or bladder weakness makes you suffer from Getting Up Night, Loss of Urine, Nervousness, Headache, Stiffness, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Circles Under Eyes, Gravel, Urinary, Neuritis, Burning, Itching, Stinging, Acidity or Loss of Vigour, don't delay! Try the famous new discovery called Cystex (Silex). Soothes, tones, cleans, and heals sick kidneys. Starts work in 15 minutes. Brings new health, youth and vitality in 30 days. Cystex costs little and is guaranteed to end your trouble in 3 days or money back. At all chemists.



A SPECIMEN CASE

Case No. 2588

A family of five children, the two youngest being twins; father lame, out of work and returned to the country. Mother earns her living by selling vegetables. The Society has put the twins in the Creche where they have much improved. HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN Room 308, Bank of East Asia Building.

New Officers And Crew On Silksworth

Japanese Will Be Repatriated

The Japanese crew of the steamer Silksworth, which was involved in the sensational near-mishap in the China Sea incident last week, has been paid off, and a Chinese crew will be signed on to-day.

The Japanese will be repatriated to Dulien.

It is understood that, with the exception of the Second Officer, all the officers of the Silksworth who were aboard when the incident occurred at their own request have been released from duty.

New officers have already been signed on and it is expected that the Silksworth will depart for Manila to-night.

Good Dividend For Telephone Shareholders

The Directors of the Hongkong Telephone Company Ltd. intend to incorporate the following figures in their report to be submitted to shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting:

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended December 31, 1937, (including the sum of \$149,807.47 brought forward from the previous year) amounted to \$1,283,272.46.

After charging \$288,115.92 for depreciation and effecting—on July 12, 1937—the payment of an interim dividend of 4 per cent. absorbing \$225,000.00, there remains the sum of \$770,156.54, which the board recommends be appropriated as follows:

To payment of a final dividend of 80 cents per share on the fully paid-up shares (making 12 per cent. for the year) \$400,000.00.
To payment of a final dividend of 20 cents per share on the partly paid-up shares (making 12 per cent. for the year) 50,000.00.
To transfer to general reserve (bringing same up to \$1,100,000.00) 170,482.00.
To Carry Forward to next account 149,674.54.
Total \$770,156.54.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS ARGUED

The question of whether the present high rate of traffic accidents was chiefly caused by the increase of speed on the part of drivers or whether it was due to the increase in sales of cars and other factors, was argued at the Central Magistracy this morning when Mr. M. Tolle, of Victoria, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest with having driven his motor-car in Cause Road at 8.50 a.m. on January 20 at a speed which was dangerous to the public.

Mr. Tolle admitted that he had been driving over the limit of 20 miles an hour but said that he was on the particular part of Cause Road just below the slope outside the Italian Convent, where most drivers had to accelerate to get over the hill.

Traffic-Inspector S. C. Saunders, in saying that the defendant had a clear traffic record after four years' driving in the Colony, agreed that he had been on that part of the road where drivers usually speeded up slightly to climb the hill. Defendant had been doing from 25 to 30 miles an hour on the flat of the road and his speed had averaged between 30 and 32 miles an hour when he approached the hill. This was a speed that was dangerous to the public. The road, besides being narrow was bordered by schools and at that hour of the morning it was fairly crowded with school children and pedestrians. Concluding Inspector Saunders contended that accidents and fatalities have increased because of the increase in speed.

Mr. Forrest said that he did not quite agree with Inspector Saunders, there was the increase of population to be considered, the rising sales of vehicles. Most traffic victims were refugees who came to the Colony from the country, he said.

Inspector Saunders said that if offenders of traffic regulations were not punished, it was useless for the police to go out and check on the drivers. As they would not be heeded. Mr. Tolle was fined \$10.

JUNK PEOPLE FINED

For failing to take out a licence for his cargo junk yesterday after having been warned to do so by Lance Sergeant Penfold, Lo Ping, 35, was fined \$10 or ten days in prison when he appeared before Cmdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning.

Cheung Tong, 37, had his bail of \$10 extended, when he failed to appear in the same court, charged with failing to produce his licence when called upon to do so by a Police Officer in uniform.

ADMIRAL LEAHY DENIES ANY SECRET ALLIANCES BY UNITED STATES NAVY

Washington, Feb. 7.

Flatly denying that the United States Navy has any foreign commitments and understandings, Admiral William Leahy, Operations Chief, testifying before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, declared to-day that the fleet "expects to stand on its own feet," so far as national defence is concerned, and expects to succeed.

"The Navy has no thought of obtaining assistance from any other nation. It has no thought of giving assistance in the solution of the problems of any other nation. It expects to solve its own national defence problems.... In the navy's traditional way, without alliances," Admiral Leahy declared.

The Admiral issued this statement after Mr. Carl Vinson, chairman of the committee, had drawn attention to the inference contained in last week's testimony that some kind of secret commitments existed.

Mr. Vinson also urged an increase in the proposed 22 ship auxiliary tender, repair ship and submarine tender. He said the most urgent need was an increase of naval patrol planes and tenders.

"The number of tender-based patrol planes considered necessary by the Navy in the Pacific is 428, of which 342 are operating planes and 86 are spares," Mr. Vinson said.—United Press.

Similar Inquiry: Made To Hull

Washington, Feb. 7.
Senator Hiram Johnson, the Republican member for California, has submitted a resolution asking the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, if the United States has any foreign naval alliances.

He objected specifically to the suggestion by Senator Barkley that the resolution should be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

Meanwhile, the Labour Member of the Representatives for Michigan, Mr. H. Southworth, has submitted a resolution calling on President Roosevelt to immediately explain what war in 1942 or 1943 the United States is preparing for with its naval expansion programme; why the policy of neutrality should be enforced in Europe and not in the Far East; why munitions credits and raw materials should be furnished to nations which have been made with France and Great Britain relative to future wars; and whether he (President Roosevelt) intends to pursue the historic policy of George Washington or expects to depart from it as his Democratic predecessor did in 1917.—United Press.

Sentence Of Death Commuted

Jerusalem, Feb. 7.
The death sentence on a young Jewish constable who was convicted for firing at an Arab bus has been commuted to life imprisonment.

The reprieve was granted by the General Officer Commanding the British Forces in Palestine.—Reuter.

CARRIED GIRL OFF TO MACAO BUT YOUNG MAN WOULD HAVE MARRIED HER

As the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs did not consider the case to be a serious one, a man named Mak Chik-yung, 20, was bound over in \$100 bond for 12 months by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy to-day on a charge of harbouring a girl under 21 years of age.

Det-Sergeant W. N. Darkin said that the girl in the case, named Mak King-foon, 17, left her home because of trouble with her step-mother. An aunt of the girl asked the defendant to take the girl away and he did so, living with her in a boarding house in Macao. The couple were brought back to Hongkong by detectives.

The S.C.A. said Det-Sergeant Darkin, considered that a light sentence would meet the case. The defendant would have married the girl if she did not have the same surname as his.

To Mr. Forrest the defendant said that it was true that he did not wish to marry the girl because of the similarity in their surnames. Apart from this fact, he had no money to support her.

Binding defendant over as stated, Mr. Forrest told him that he should have thought of all that before he had taken the girl away.

Paris Paper Banned By Germany

Report On Royalist Movements Deeply Offends Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 7.
It is officially stated that Le Temps, the Paris newspaper, has been banned throughout Germany owing to its Dagle report of an attempt to restore the second son of the German Crown Prince to the throne, published in its columns.

The story is described in official quarters as the "most fantastic and unbelievable lies, written in an impudent and irresponsible manner and calculated to poison public opinion, and cause serious damage to Franco-German relations."—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES SHOW STABILITY

London, Feb. 7.
The Ministry of Labour estimates that on January 17 the number of insured persons in employment in Great Britain, exclusive of persons within the agricultural scheme, numbered approximately 11,369,000.

This was 128,000 less than in December but on a comparable basis about 87,000 more than a year ago.

At the same time the number of registered unemployed totalled 1,927,007, comprising 1,418,000 wholly unemployed, 345,134 temporarily laid off and 163,873 normally in casual employment.

This was 102,200 more than in December and on a comparable basis 195,000 more than a year ago.—British Wireless.

GERMAN SITUATION EASES MARKET

London, Feb. 7.
Week-end developments in Germany engendered caution on the Stock Market to-day and prices were consequently inclined to sag.

Home rails cheered up on the notification of a Southern deferred dividend of 1½ per cent. against one per cent. last year.

German bonds were flat. Minings and Oils encountered Continental selling and industrials were dull, apart from Cables and Wireless, which were well supported on rumours of a satisfactory agreement with Empire companies.

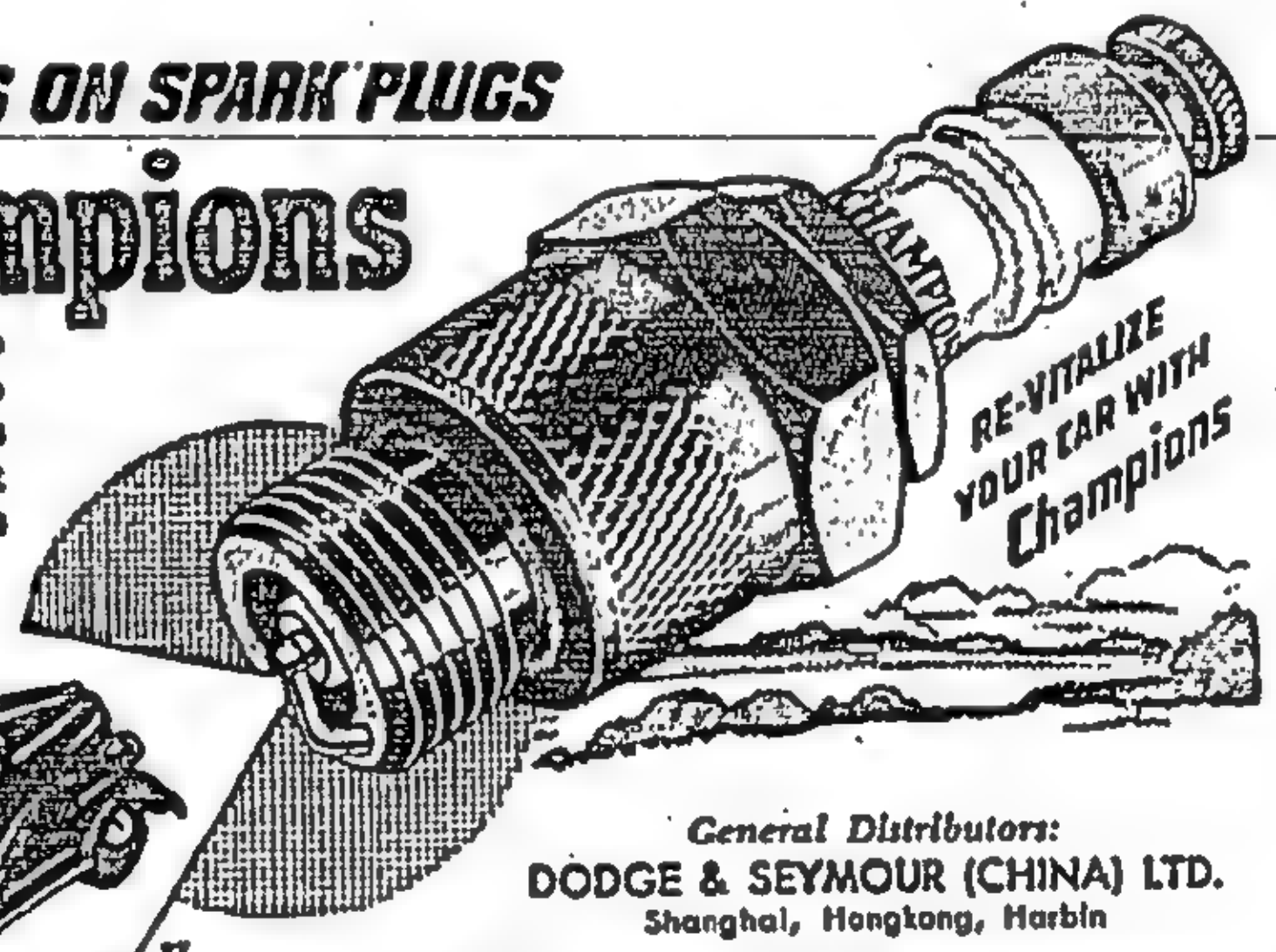
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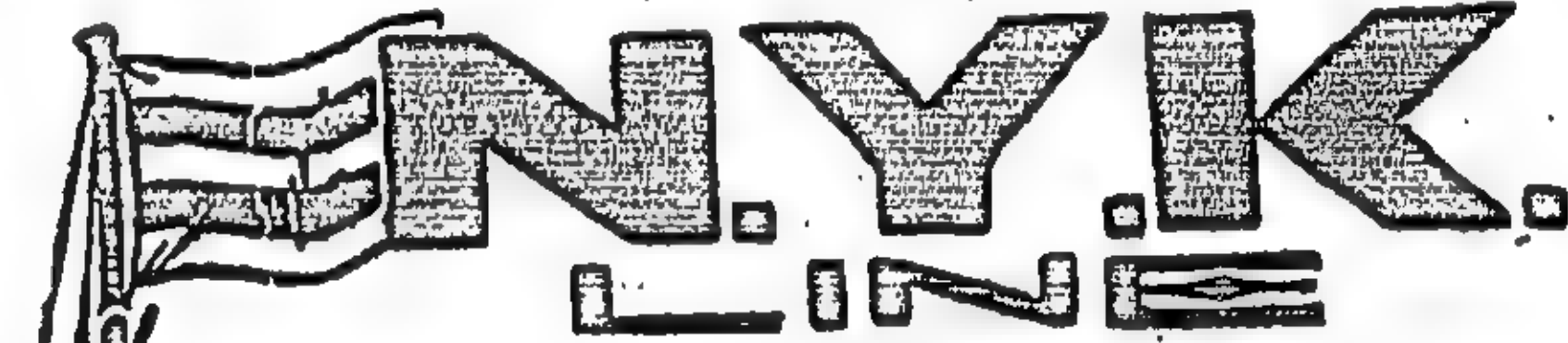
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OFFICIALS SHARE THE BLAME

Canton is protesting against unfounded rumours published in the Hongkong newspapers. The inference is that they were born and bred, dressed and presented here. That is not the case. The majority of these rumours come from Canton itself. Hongkong has no choice but to publish them; for they may be true. In most cases they are close to the facts; in some cases entirely true. Rarely does a completely erroneous despatch get into print, and it need not be said that in such cases there is no intention of misleading the public or misrepresenting any situation. For instance, the stories of unrest in Canton which first reached Hongkong from that city were treated with the greatest circumspection. When a high official in Canton denied that there was any pro-Japanese plot afoot or any coup d'etat suspected, his message was published in good faith. It then transpired that there had been 700 arrests of suspected agitators in a few days, including, so one correspondent said, four Japanese. So there was some foundation for the rumours after all.

There was a saying among newspapermen of a famous capital city at one time that "The bigger the man, the louder he talks." To the uninitiated the expression might be translated thus: The more responsible an official's post the more likely is he to have something to say and the chances are he will say it. But too often busy executives cannot be bothered with questions of bustling journalists, and leave their queries to some subordinate who either does not know the answers or hesitates to take the responsibility for statements which may appear sensational. The journalist is left guessing. And because he is usually competing with fairly intelligent people, he may try to present a story to the public without official information.

Who'll Win in Egypt?

by W. N. EWER

(just back from that country).



King and Premier may have been seen in public riding together...

THE King is a good man. Nahas Pasha is a good man," said Jimmy Hassan.

"They say there is trouble between them. But Nahas and William Pasha: they are clever men. They will find a way out."

My friend Hassan's view of the political crisis in Egypt is a little over-simplified and definitely over-optimistic. But it is certainly the view of the big majority of Egyptians—the man in the street, of the man in the fields and the man on the river.

Young King Farouk is undeniably popular. Mustapha Nahas Pasha is undoubtedly the national leader—the man whom the great Zaghul named to succeed him, the man who after years of conflict won Egypt's independence and made friends with the British.

Nahas and "William Pasha" (who is William Makram Ebeid, Minister of Finance and Nahas' right-hand man) are confidently expected to uphold the constitution and at the same time to avoid a dangerous crisis in the first years of national freedom.

Can they do it? It begins to look exceedingly doubtful.

For the boy King Farouk is not making it easy. He is not yet eighteen. But he has already the mind, the manner, and the assurance of a man of 25. And he has ideas about kingship, which he learned from his father, the late King Fuad.

The bulk of the Egyptian people,

Sometimes he must, or risk his position and reputation. He is apt to fall back on rumours and "hear-say." That sort of thing is deplorable in the eyes of officialdom; and yet the remedy is in the hands of the very people who make complaints.

A story is told of a press gallery reporter who was sent to interview a Prime Minister. The Prime Minister did not prove a satisfactory subject. But the reporter was afraid to admit failure. So he wrote something like this: "The Government may fall to-morrow over the Treaty issue and there is a definite split among the Back Benchers. The Prime Minister did not deny this grave situation when questioned to-day." The Government did not fall and there was no split among the Back Benchers; and there is no record of the fate of the reporter. Fortunately, few journalists use such technique to-day and newspapers are on their guard against it. But how much simpler it would be for the news-gatherer, and how much fairer to the public, if the great men had time to answer "Yes" or "No."

like my friend Jimmy Hassan, have hardly begun to realise that. "Farouk," says Jimmy, "is a good king. Not like his father. He is a real Egyptian, not an Italian like Fuad."

There is one secret of his popularity. He is the first of his line (since his great-grandfather, the father of the late King Fuad, really independent of the Turkish Sultan) to talk Arabic.

Mohamed Ali was an Albanian. His son and his grandsons spoke Turkish, married Turkish or Circassian women, kept haughtily aloof from their subjects. King Fuad was educated in Italy, spoke Italian as his "first" language, could hardly talk Arabic at all, did business with his ministers in slow and halting French.

FAROUK has other advantages. He is tall and handsome. If he is not very careful he will very soon be fat. But for the moment, despite beginnings of a double chin, he is still good-looking, with the fair hair and blue eyes which recall his European ancestry, and which have an exotic charm for Egyptian eyes.

He came to the throne, a boy-king, just at the most auspicious of moments, when constitutional freedom was being restored and the treaty of independence was being negotiated. That in itself was a good basis for popularity. Here was a new king for a new era.

But it all came back to this—Farouk's popularity is largely based on Fuad's unpopularity. He is liked because the people believe that in every way—as Jimmy puts it—he is "not like his father."

When it begins to get round that as a matter of fact he is in many ways exceedingly like his father, that popularity may wane very rapidly. Fuad spent the years of his reign in two pursuits—accumulating power and accumulating money. He was pretty successful in both. Politically, he got rid of parliamentary government for years, and ruled with Prime Ministers of his own choosing. Financially, he is reputed to have left a fortune of £15,000,000.

Financially, Farouk may or may not share his father's acquisitiveness. Politically, his ideas are much the same. And he has in-

herited, too, that curious blend of dignity and arrogance which Fuad possessed.

There have been times when he has astonished experienced politicians and diplomats by his dignity and poise in trying moments: his self-possession used to be commented on even when he was a schoolboy.

But he has astonished them also by deliberate rudenesses which are ominous for the future.

When, on the first day of the Parliamentary session, Ministers went from the Chamber to the Palace (a pre-arranged ceremony at a pre-arranged hour) they were curtly informed that His Majesty was in his bath. When, this month, he received a deputation from the International Ophthalmological Conference, meeting in Cairo, he deliberately kept those distinguished surgeons waiting in an ante-room for an hour.

He likes to embarrass those around him. In order to appear completely at ease himself.

He came to the Throne already quite determined to "be a king," to be his own master, to have his own way, to govern Egypt as his father had done.

LOTS of young Princes have had grandiose ideas, and have also had the luck to find at their sides Ministers whom they could learn from. Farouk found as his Prime Minister a man whom for years he had been taught to distrust and detest as the enemy of his father and his House.

Nahas was the man who had led the Constitutional Party in the long struggle against Fuad, the man who in the end had won the game and forced the sick and dying King to restore parliamentary government.

So from the beginning—eighteen months ago—King Farouk has hated Premier Nahas. And Nahas, knowing the boy's ideas, and the teaching he had as Prince, has distrusted Farouk—realising, as most Egyptians have not, that it might before long be necessary again to



... but seventeen-year-old Farouk, "determined to be a king," wants to hold the reins himself.

fight for the Constitution against a would-be autocratic King.

The King began the fight at once by appointing the Chamberlain of his Household without even consulting the Premier—and by choosing for the post a politician, an ex-Premier, a possible future Premier: All Maher Pasha.

Once again, as under Fuad, there was to be a sort of Palace-Cabinet. The King was to have his own advisers other than the Ministers responsible to Parliament.

Then Farouk began to interfere in Ministerial appointments, in Senatorial nominations. All very cleverly within the letter of his constitutional rights; all supremely irritating to his Prime Minister.

Next came a campaign of studied and calculated rudeness. His Majesty refused to speak to His Majesty's Prime Minister, except on the most formal and necessary occasions.

"Unfortunately," said one very interested spectator drily on one occasion, "they forgot to put an article in the Constitution saying that the King should be polite to his Ministers."

And so it goes on. Quite deliberately the King is trying to make the position of the Cabinet impossible, to goad Nahas into resignation or some such blunder, then to denounce him as a would-be dictator trying to bully a young King.

Nahas and Makram have been patient to a fault. They have tried to hush the whole thing up, to shield the King, to prevent an open conflict. Maybe by that very loyalty they have lost ground. If the truth had been told from the beginning, Farouk would be less popular.

Two bad blunders they have made. In face of the King's attitude they should have kept the King solid at all costs. Instead, they have split it. They have quarrelled with two of their ablest colleagues—Nakrashi Pasha and Ahmed Maher Bey.

There is a "Wafd Opposition" to-day, which is more hostile to Nahas than to the King. As a consequence Nahas and Makram have lost a good deal of popularity: the Wafd has lost its solid hold on the country.

The Palace has a chance to play off one section against the other. Second blunder is the failure to dissolve that rather foolish organisation the "Blue Shirts." It gives his enemies opportunity to denounce Nahas as a would-be Fascist dictator.

The Palace, demanding dissolution, can pose as champion of democracy and liberty. All the same, if it comes to a show-down, the King can hardly hope to win where his father failed. The hold of the Wafd and its leaders on the country is firm and tested.

Farouk's popularity is a quick and shallow growth: nor has his dynasty ever won the loyalty of the country. He would be well advised, while there is yet time, to heed the voice of Jimmy Hassan and to look for a way out from the situation he has created.

To-day's Thought

The power of kings (if rightly understood) is but a grant from Heaven of doing good.
—WILLIAM SOMERVILLE.

The "Very Idea"

IT'S THE ANIMAL IN US

Says, Edward Kelly,
Who Knows How To
Keep The Wolf
From The Door

By ED. KELLY, BEAST

It just shows that you can't be too careful.

We are referring, of course, to the experience last week of a local hiker who suddenly came face to face with two wild animals looking strangely like dogs.

We recall similar experiences when we were in Darkest Africa. We were in the very darkest part of Darkest Africa, where even the natives were dark.

And the animals we encountered were the wildest we have ever seen. Sometimes they were so wild that they'd grind their teeth with rage.

We remember an amusing experience we once had with a bison. Bison is the female for bison.

It was during the moulting season, and as the maddened beast rushed at us we grabbed it by the horns, or front handles, intending to throw it away. Imagine our surprise when the skin came right

away from the horns, and left the animal standing naked and embarrassed before us.

NO GAME FOR PIKERS

On another occasion, when out on a big game hunt in India (most of the games are small in India—ten cent jack pots, and fifty cent riles), one of the bearers approached with the news that there was an elephant of enormous proportions hiding behind our heap of lion skins.

We hastened to have a look at the animal and saw that despite its size it was no use as a specimen, as it had fallen arched. The huge beast seemed to be in pain, so lowering it gently on to its back, we called for one of the bearers to bring our medicine chest.

The poor beast was suffering from catarrh. After dosing it up, we wrapped it in chest in red flannel and sent it on its way.

Eight months after, as we were standing on the wharf preparatory to sailing from India, we heard a loud trumpeting behind us, and looking around saw the same elephant coming towards us, looking the picture of health and waving some bright coloured material in its trunk.

It had come to return the red flannel. An elephant, never forgets. As a matter of fact, he sends us a Xmas card every Christmas.

WELL! WELL! WELL!
Or, as we say in hunting circles: "Mine's a Tiger."

British View Unchanged On S'hai Control

NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN CONTINUE ON CUSTOMS REGULATION

EDEN ADMITS OBSTACLES PLACED IN WAY OF SIR FREDERICK MAZE

London, Feb. 7. The Government has nowise altered its views regarding the continuance of the International Settlement in Shanghai and the maintenance of the present administration, said the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Eden indicated the exact nature of the Japanese censorship in Shanghai over British telegrams and mails, both inward and outward.

He said that as a result of British representations, commercial firms could now use telegraph codes when authorised to do so by the British consular representative in Shanghai.

Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the position of Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, the Foreign Secretary said he understood that certain obstacles had been placed in his way in the exercise of his powers.

In addition to the decree modifying in North China the Chinese Maritime Customs tariff schedule, there had been some interference with customs examination and control at the wharves in the Shanghai areas controlled by the Japanese, and Japanese officers had taken over certain customs offices.

AMBASSADOR INSTRUCTED
Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, had been instructed to make representations to the Japanese Government on all these developments, Mr. Eden disclosed.

Discussions were proceeding between the British Ambassador and the Japanese Government regarding those harbour launches which had been seized by the Japanese forces and which had not been returned.

Replying to Sir William Davidson, Conservative Member for South Kensington, who asked a question regarding the maintenance of that portion of the Chinese Maritime Customs on which foreign loans were secured, Mr. Eden said that negotiations were proceeding.

The British, French and United States Governments had made their attitudes clear, he said, both to Shanghai and to Tokyo.—*Reuter*.

Table Tennis Champions To Play in Colony

Demonstrations of table tennis will be given in Hongkong this month by the world's and Hungarian champions, Miklos Szabados and Istvor Kelen.

Arrangements for their appearance have been completed by Mr. Victor Hugo. The two table tennis experts are booked to appear at the King's Theatre, at all performances, on February 23 and 24.

Szabados and Kelen passed through Hongkong in December travelling from Australia to Japan.

OFFICE BOY LOST STOLEN FUNDS

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Yu Fuk-on, 40, office boy, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny by servant of the sum of \$60, from Keelin and Company.

It was stated that yesterday Mr. Valentine Drossel, left \$60 in a locked drawer in the office at Feder Building, and on returning found the drawer opened and the money gone. Defendant was suspected, and when questioned confessed that he had stolen the money, and had lost it gambling.

AMERICAN TO BE ASSISTED HOME

Russell Elwood Owen, unemployed salesman, American, was committed to the House of Detention by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when he pleaded guilty of being a vagrant in the Colony on February 7.

Detective-Sergeant Loughlin said that Owen arrived here several months ago, with the view of seeking employment. The American Consul had agreed to assist him, and will enable him to return to the United States, he said.

TRADED BEDDING FOR BEER

Messman On U.S. Ship Followed, Caught

His willingness to trade his ship's bedding for beer resulted in Hugh Keogh, 35, messman on board the President Taft, being charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with the larceny of two sheets and a bedspread.

Detective Sergeant B. V. Hutchison said that on Monday morning Keogh had been given a quantity of bedding to take to the various beds in the ship. Leaving the vessel with the bedspread, Keogh came upon a small boy carrying a bottle of beer, and forced him to trade.

A little later, Police Reserve Constable Firdos Khan saw the boy and questioned him. On being told that an American seaman had made an exchange with him, Khan made a report to the Captain of the President Taft. Some time later, Keogh was seen to leave the ship again, with something hidden under his jacket. He was followed to a commodore shop in Hankow Road, where he attempted to trade two sheets for a bottle of beer, without success. On coming out, he was arrested.

Keogh explained that he had been under the influence of drink at the time.

Sentencing him to three weeks' hard labour, His Worship remarked that if his case came up later, he would have seen a number of Chinese sentenced to various terms of imprisonment for stealing. These Chinese had an excuse because they had nothing to eat. Europeans and Americans in the Colony were expected to set a good example to the Chinese.

After serving his term, Keogh will be kept in the House of Detention until he can be repatriated.

Quick-Witted Swindler Operating

The story of an unusual swindle was alleged in a police report made yesterday by Mr. H. Nocht, of a photography supply shop in St. George's Building.

The report stated that an unknown man went to the shop and tendered a \$50 note in payment for two rolls of film which cost \$1.40. On receiving his change the man did not seem to be satisfied with it and changed it four times. When he finally left the shop it was found that during the transaction he had received \$35 in excess of his proper change.

C. T. WANG SEES ROOSEVELT

Washington, Feb. 7. Mr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to Washington, conferred with President Roosevelt to-day.

Mr. Wang, who requested the conference, declined to disclose the reasons or nature of the matters that had come under discussion.—*Reuter*.

MR. B. WYLIE SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB

Under the title of "Pretty Pictures" Mr. B. Wylie, general manager of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., addressed the Hongkong Rotary Club to-day on the art of lithography.

ASKS REPEAL OF NEUTRALITY ACT

Washington, Feb. 7. Senator King has introduced a Bill repealing the 1935 Neutrality Act, which bans the exports of munitions and war materials to warring nations. In introducing the measure, Senator King said that the Neutrality Act "served the purpose of aggressor nations and was disadvantageous to small and weak countries."—*United Press*.

UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE

London, Feb. 7. An increase of 102,000 is shown in the figures of registered unemployed in Great Britain on January 17, compared with December 13. The total unemployed on January 17 was 1,827,000. The increase includes 30,000 boys and girls who left school at the end of December.—*Reuter Special*.

LEAVES U.S. RECOVERY TO NATURE

Roosevelt Takes No Drastic Action

London, Feb. 7. The relatively passive attitude of the Administration towards the business recession is believed to be making it reasonably clear that President Roosevelt is not prepared to adopt any comprehensive recovery programme.

In fact, the impression prevails that the President is still hoping that the health of business will show a distinct improvement within a month or so, making such a programme unnecessary.

Meanwhile, the present policy seems to be to apply minor stimulants, such as a gradual increase in the expenditure of relief money on Government-sponsored housing, increased shipbuilding and the new system of Government-guaranteed loans to small business men.

More drastic measures are now believed likely only if the President's hopes of an early natural recovery do not materialise. Action, it is believed, will then follow the two principal lines of closer co-operation between Government and business with a view to obtaining a more steady functioning of the economic system, and a resumption on a large scale of the "pump-priming" form of Government spending.—*Reuter Special*.

HIGH SHERIFF DIES AS HE GIVES TOAST

Mr. F. P. Robbent, High Sheriff of Monmouthshire, collapsed and died while proposing a toast at a civic reception to Sir William Firth at Ebbw Vale last month.

The toast was that of "The Visitors." Mr. Robbent had just quoted the Biblical reference to the "valley of dry bones"—a description he applied to Ebbw Vale before Sir William Firth and his company came and put new life into it—when his head suddenly dropped.

Listeners thought he was pausing. Then, before assistance could reach him, he fell headlong.

He was carried to an adjoining room where a doctor attended him. Ten minutes later he was pronounced dead, and the rest of the programme was abandoned.

Among the guests were Lord Austin, Lord Portal, Sir George Gillett, Commissioner for Special Areas, and Mr. Abernethy Bevan, M.P.

Mr. Robbent, who was aged about 72, was a stockbroker. [The story of the vision of "The Valley of Dry Bones" is told in the Book of Ezekiel. The prophet prophesied as commanded by God, and "the bones came together, bone to bone." Ezekiel prophesied again "and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."]

LITTLE PRINCESSES ON CALENDAR

The Hongkong Telegraph has received from Mr. S. H. Langston a copy of the very attractive calendar issued by Cow & Gate Ltd., makers of the well-known "Infants' Food." This is a reproduction of a portrait of the two Royal Princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, and is most tasteful and artistic. The grant of two Royal Warrants to the Cow & Gate Company was made in 1936.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 5	Feb. 7
Paris.....	152.20/32	152.17/32
Geneva.....	21.50 1/2	21.50
Berlin.....	12.41	12.04 1/2
Athens.....	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan.....	95 1/2	95 1/2
Oslo.....	19.80	19.80
Copenhagen.....	22.48	22.42
Stockholm.....	22.40	22.40
Helsingfors.....	22.30	22.30
Shanghai.....	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York.....	5.01 1/4	5.01 1/4
Vienna.....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam.....	8.00 3/4	8.00 3/4
Prague.....	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/3	1/3
Bombay.....	1/6 1/4	1/6 1/4
Montreal.....	5.01 1/2	5.01
Brussels.....	29.57 1/2	29.55 1/2
Yokohama.....	1/2	1/2
Belgrade.....	216	216
Ducharest.....	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo.....	20 1/2	21 1/2
Rio de Janeiro.....	2.27/32	2.27/32
Silver (Spot).....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (Forward).....	21 1/2	21 1/2
War Loan.....	103 1/4	103 1/4

WEDDINGS ANNOUNCED

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Abdul Humid, assistant manager of Isako's Circus, to Miss Edith Josephine Cottrell, artist, Isako's Circus; Mr. Lam Wal-mann, clerk, Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., to Miss Louise Wood, of 24 Village Road, ground floor; Mr. Cheung Sin-wah, of 108 Pak Wah Street, ground floor, to Miss Wong Lan, of 23 Shanghai Street, third floor.

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H.K.T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Frances Langford (Vocal). Rap Tap On Wood (from "Born to Dance"); I've Got You Under My Skin (from "Born to Dance"); Deep Shadows (Muskell-White).

12.40 Hawaiian Music. Chiquita, Waltz (Wayne); Drifting And Dreaming (Gillespie)... Ferera and Paulini (Hawaiian Guitar Duo); Rock Me In A Cradle Of Kalua (Wending); Maybe It's The Moon (Whiting)... Frank Ferera's Hawaiian Trio; Honolulu March, Kohala March... Ferera and Paulini (Hawaiian Guitars).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Forecast.

1.03 Variety. Vocal-Dolores (Sleiver and Thayer); Home Again (from "Beauty and the Beast")... Percy Manchester (Tenor) with Chorus; Dance Orchestra—Hot Pie—Tina Helping... The Six Swingers directed by George Swings.

1.25 Yours and Mine (film "Broadway Melody of 1938"); I'm Feelin' Like A Million (film "Broadway Melody of 1938")... Hildegarde; Dance Orchestra—Eccentric—Novelty Quick Step; Three Brass Bells—Novelty Quick Step... Henry Hall and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Time Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: B. Wylie, Esq. Subject "Pretty Pictures."

2.15 Close Down.

6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Can't We Be Friends; Peckin' (film "New Faces of 1937")... Benny Goodman and His Orchestra; Tangos—Jalousie... Xavier Cugat and His Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra; Tu Sais... Henry King and His Hotel Pierre Orchestra; Fox-Trots—The Lady Who Couldn't Be Kissed (film "The Singing Marine"); Swing, Swing, Dear Mother-in-Law... George Elrick and His Swing Music Makers; You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; You've Gotta Take Your Pick And Swing (film "Let's Make a Night of It")... George Elrick and His Swing Music Makers.

7.25 London Relay—All Kinds of People—3.

"My Work as a Theatrical Manager and Agent." A talk by Bert Aza.

7.45 Variety.

Vocal—Sympathy (film "Firefly")... Richard Tauber (Tenor); Orchestral—Hide And Seek—Selection (Ellis)... Mayfair... Orchestral.

cond. by Ronnie Munro; Vocal—Elsie Carlisle Medley... Elsie Carlisle.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Revival of Some Old Popular Songs by J. C. M. G. and C. H. A. H.

8.18 Musical Comedy Selections.

"The Dubarry"—Selection... New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Willi Lechner; "Careless Rapture" (Novello-Hassall); Love Made Me Sing... Sybil Crawley and Eric Starling (Vocal Duo); Music in May... Dorothy Dickson (Soprano); "Out Of The Bottle"—Selection (Levant, Grey and Ellis); Tell Her The Truth—Selection (Waller and Tunbridge)... New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.40 Keith Falkner (Baritone).

San Diego Betty (film "Mayfair Melody"); Without The Moon (film "Mayfair Melody"); Wings (film "Mayfair Melody").

8.50 Variety.

Comedienne—I Think Of What You Used To Think Of Me (Turk, Hanley and Lyman); Like The Big Pots Do (Long)... Grace Fields; Dance Orchestra—The Girl In The Hansons Cab—Comedy Waltz I'm A Little Prairie Flower—Comedy Fox-Trot... Jack Harris and His Orchestra (Vocalist: Elsie Carlisle); Sketch W. Effects—The Steamboat Trip (The Two Cockney Kids); Vocal: We're Still Single To-day... Ethel Revnell and Grace West; Dance Orchestra—Cryin' Mood—Fox-Trot; Fardon My Love—Fox-Trot... "Fats" Waller and His Rhythm; Vocal: A Tender Song (Fenyes-Amberg); You Passed Me By (Hess-Misrahl-Bennefeld)... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor); Accordion Band—Wind And Waves (Zander); My Rhythm (Munsonius)... Jungheer's Accordion Melodians.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Beethoven—Sonata In B Flat Major, Op. 22 played by Arthur Schnabel (Piano).

10.15 Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92.

Played by the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

11.00 Close Down.

CAPTOWN SAILS

H.M.S. Capetown sailed yesterday evening for Weihaiwei to relieve H.M.S. Suffolk.

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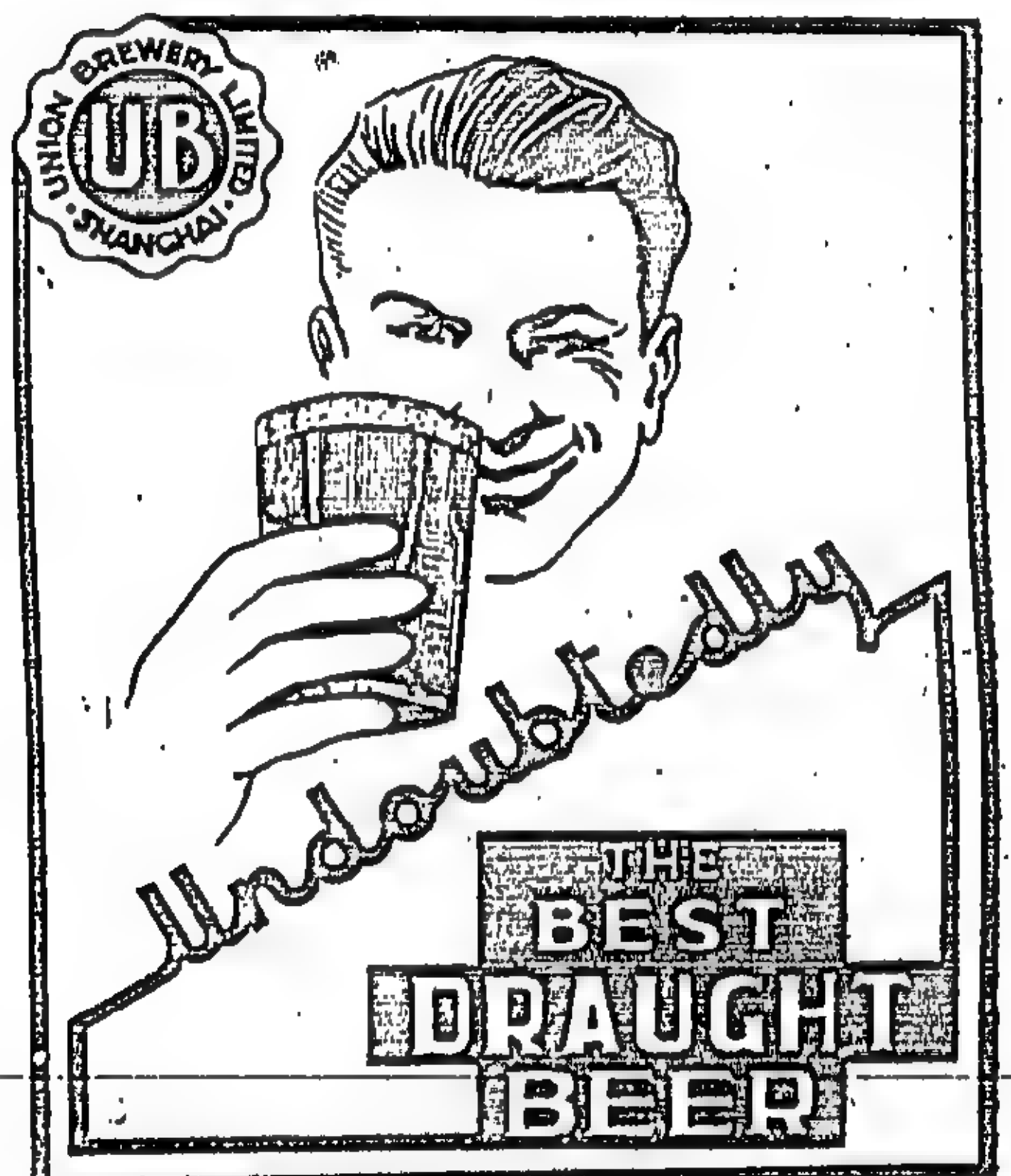
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CHINESE "Y" BADMINTON PLAYERS TAKE REVENGE

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Fireworks At The K.C.C. Last Saturday

Bad Batting Explains Exiguous Scores

The more cricket I watch this year, the more I am driven to the conclusion that I must scrap the whole of my standard of values, such as one uses when one sums up a team as strong, medium or weak. And I regret to say that there seems no doubt that when the new standard is evolved, it will be upon a much lower scale. The fact is that with, thank goodness, a few notable exceptions, the outstanding players of the last few years are showing signs of being past their best, and unfortunately there are so few players who seem to be coming on to take their places. Recruits from England are few and far between and it is seldom that we seem to manage the regular development of good school players.

I hope that it is because I have seen cricket here for so long that I have formed a judgment (one usually the sign of the semi-elderly critic) that cricket is upon the decline in Hongkong, and that this judgment is incorrect. No one will be more pleased than I if it is. But who of the younger or more newly arrived cricketers are outstanding as probable or possible interlopers? Pearce goes home shortly and Haynes cannot play with sufficient regularity to keep in practice. Stokes, of course, would contend with Colledge for the place of stumper but for the moment I can think of only a few promising youngsters who may train on. Incidentally, I am not speaking of Service cricketers in this particular mean.

To my mind it is high time I. All was taken out of the very weak second I.R.C. team and introduced to First League cricket and coached. He is both a useful but and a fair bowler and could be made into a very much better player—if taken early. Baxter, as I have often said before, is an example of a player who could be much better than he is if he had stuck to First League cricket and had been coached carefully. (I am assuming that there was anyway at one time a regular place for him in the K.C.C. first. I have been told so. He is worth one now.)

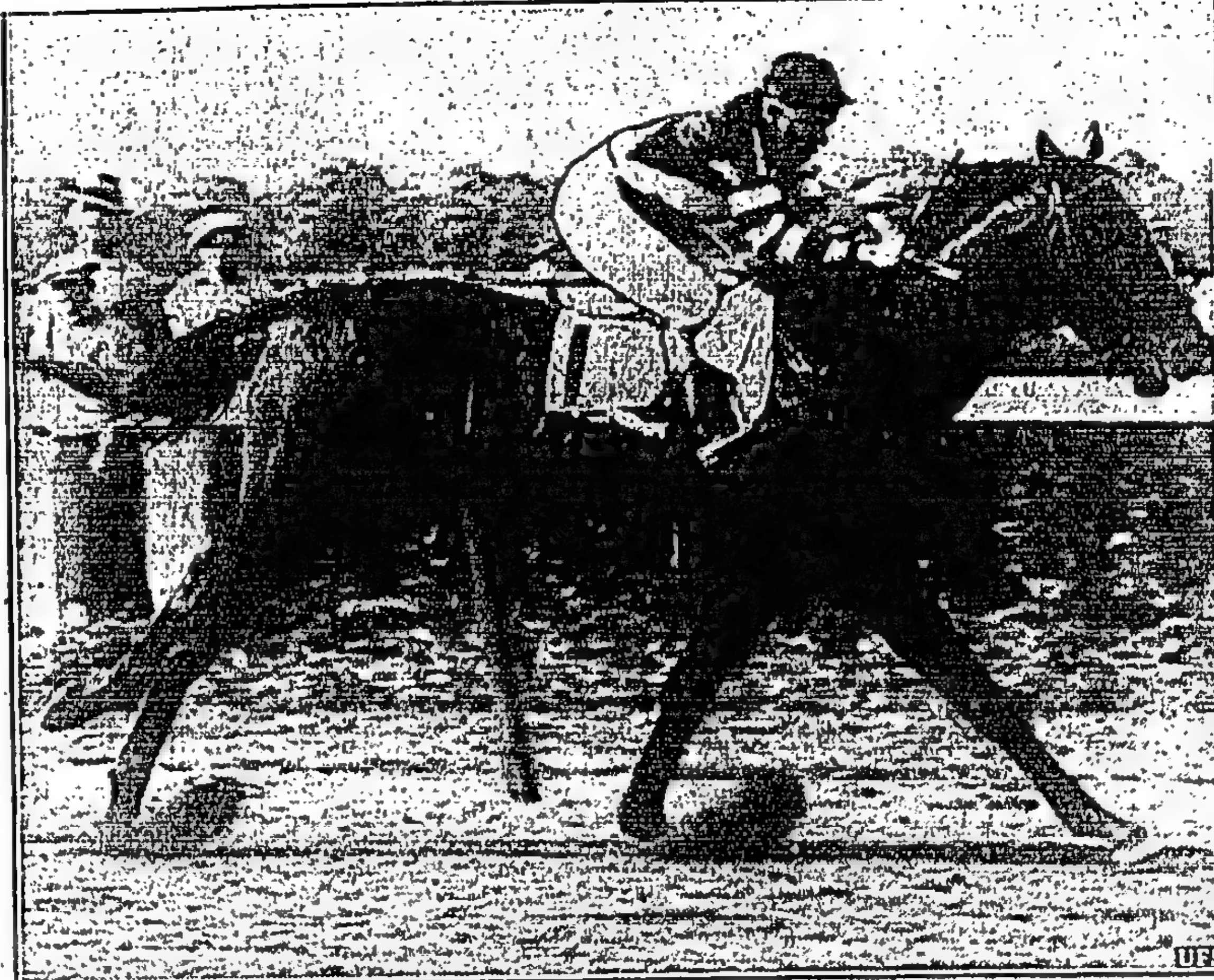
COLLAPSE AFTER COLLAPSE

The above jeremiad is the direct result of having watched (a) the K.C.C. batting and (b) the H.K.C.C. batting on Saturday last. The phrase

batting is used owing to the courtesy which should grace every cricket-scribe's reports and criticisms. True, the wicket was definitely nasty. It appeared damp, although I was told it had not been watered since the previous Wednesday, and it was suggested that the recent humidity and heavy dew had done the damage. The ball got up very steeply at times and when the Club were batting a very nasty spot developed at the Bowling Green end, which caused the batsmen, especially the later ones, to do a good bit of gardening with the backs of their bats, and this too when the light was getting unbecomingly dim. I played worse than any wicket I have ever seen on the K.C.C. ground. However, granting all this and granting that Leckie and later Lloyd and Robert Lee bowled uncommonly well, the only explanation of the pitifully exiguous scores is bad batting.

THE TWO SIDES

The Club were without Allen and Stokes but otherwise were at full strength—and as a set off against one absentee they had Bidwell who is playing cricket owing to a rugby injury which keeps him out of the latter game. K.C.C. seemed to me to be at full strength though there is one definite alteration I should personally have made in the side. And before the game one would have said both teams were strong ones. Let me say at once that both teams fielded excellently, both on the ground and in the air, while Hayward only conceded two byes, neither his fault, and Jex none really as the two byes in the score-



YEAR'S BEST RACE HORSE—War Admiral, unbeaten three-year-old owned by Samuel Riddle of Philadelphia, has been judged the outstanding race horse of the year by 256 sports writers. The horse, son of the famous Man O' War, is shown above in an action picture taken at the Saratoga, N. Y., race track, with jockey Kurling up. Seabiscuit, a nephew, took second.

Rugger Matches At Home

London, Feb. 7.

The following were the results of rugger matches played to-day:
Northampton 5 Cardiff 16
Devonport
Services 0 Newport 23
—Reuter.

sheet were a snick by Ridel. Though Madar was out at once, Anderson and Ernie Fincher proceeded quietly along though neither were comfortable with Swain who bowled excellently with no luck. I am told that in one over from him Anderson played at five balls and failed to touch them all. But after they had gone things got exciting. Owen-Hughes took two of the first three wickets and then in one over Leckie, bowling an excellent length just short of medium and swinging in from the off, got Teddy. Fincher to touch a rising ball to Owen-Hughes in the slips, and bowled Burnett with a beauty. Just after O'Brien got inside a leg-spinner from Owen-Hughes and was caught round about the gully by Swain who took three catches off him there in all.

Six were down for 58 with Lloyd and F. Zimmermann, and nine runs later Zimmermann, who had clumped the left hander for four to long leg, (Continued on Page 9.)

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT WORTHY OF MUCH BETTER SUPPORT

ENTRIES NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL PLAYING STRENGTH

(By "Abe")

From the point of view that not a single name was sent in up to within 48 hours of the original date fixed for the closing of entries, the present list of players to participate in the Colony Badminton Championships may be regarded in official quarters as satisfactory. But one suspects that this satisfaction has been caused by the fact that entries are now sufficient to enable the Championships to be held rather than that officials consider them in themselves satisfactory numerically.

Now, let us look at the entries. There are 12 in the Men's Singles, 11 in the Men's Doubles and again 11 in the Mixed Doubles. Only in one event, the Mixed Doubles, has there been an improvement on last year's figures. As a matter of fact, the other two events have shown a falling-off of seven entries each. When one remembers that we have seven teams in the "A" Division and six in the "B" Division of the League, the entries in the Men's events are a downright disgrace. It is certainly no way in which to pay the efforts of officials of the local Association to put the game on its feet in the Colony.

Of the 12 entries in the Singles, three are from the Free Lances, a junior division team; three from the Chinese Y.M.C.A.; two from the University; two from St. Teresa's, who are not even in the League; one from the Club de Recreio and one from Kowloon Tong.

ONLY ONE FROM RECREIO

What I cannot understand is why only one player, M. A. Oliveira, has sent in his name from the Club de Recreio. With a playing membership like that of the King's Park club, they should be able to have more participants in the Colony Championships than any other institution. True enough, players like J. J. Remedios, L. A. Carvalho, A. M. Silva, H. A. Alves, who are members of the "A" Division team, have entered for the Doubles, but personally I feel that they might have helped the game along by taking part in the Singles as well.

In this connection, the step taken by J. A. Chen and F. Tsang of St. Teresa's and by J. L. Anderson, A. L. Fisher, and S. W. Clark of Free Lances, and by N. A. E. Mackay of Kowloon Tong is highly commendable. I am sure that I am not hurting the feelings of these players when I say that their chances of winning the Singles title are not bright; but they have gone in for the sake of the game and this is the spirit that we want. More players should follow their example.

After all in every tournament there can be only one winner and there are bound to be outstanding players. If only these outstanding players were to take part, then how can the big tournaments be the successes that they are?

Club de Recreio players are not the only ones guilty of "bashfulness". Our undergraduates also are to be blamed. In spite of all the good players that they have, the University have only two representatives in the Singles. This should not be.

FEES CHEAPER

The trouble cannot be one of finance. With the view to making the tournament less expensive for the players, the Sub-committee in charge of the Championships decided to reduce the fees by \$1 in each event. So actually this year's Championships

are cheaper than last year's; yet for some reason or other we have fewer entries. It is inexplicable. The Association is deserving of better support, and it is to be hoped that it will be forthcoming next season; or else it is doubtful whether the Championships are worth while organising.

Tolley Wins Putter With Great Golf

Sets Problem For R. & A Committee

London, Jan. 10.

Cyril Tolley, playing brilliant golf, won the President's Putter competition of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society yesterday on the Rye Club's course.

Tolley has played in every Putter event since its second year, but this was his first success, although he has been in three previous finals.

The success of Tolley in such a brilliant field has set the Royal and Ancient Club committee a problem. Tolley is chairman of the Walker Cup selection committee, and as such is ineligible to play in the match against the United States.

During the Putter competition Tolley defeated D. H. R. Martin (four and three), Leonard Crawley (by one hole), and K. B. Scott (by two holes) in successive rounds. The three conquered players are all probabilities for Britain's Walker Cup team.

It is possible for Tolley to resign from the committee, so that he will be eligible to play for Britain. Whether he will do so remains to be seen. On his form during the week-end Britain can ill-afford to be without such a great player.

Last four survivors after Saturday's play were Tolley, Crawley, Scott, and E. F. Storey. Crawley outdrove Tolley at most holes in their semi-final match, and was generally more accurate in the long game, but on and around the greens Tolley was more successful. Tolley won on the last green.

Scott had an easier task against Storey and won by four and three. It was thus an all-Oxford final, in which Tolley maintained his form, Scott doing well to take the match to the home green, where Tolley won by two holes. Tolley had a score of 72 for the full round, Scott taking 74. Yesterday's results:—

SEMI-FINAL
Cyril J. H. Tolley beat L. G. Crawley by one hole.
K. B. Scott beat E. F. Storey by 4 and 3.
FINAL
C. J. H. Tolley beat K. B. Scott by two holes.

BEAT RECREIO IN SENIOR DIVISION

WONG & AU RESPONSIBLE FOR TEAM'S SUCCESS

(By "Abe")

Badly trounced when they visited King's Park earlier in the season, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. players in the "A" Division Badminton League took ample revenge last evening when, on their own court, they defeated the Club de Recreio "A" by six games to three. By winning this match, they have established themselves favourites for the championship.

Victory was all the more creditable because the Chinese "Y" were without the services of C. E. Chng, who has returned to Singapore. Two players, P. H. Wong and Au, rose to the occasion, and it was their brilliant play throughout that carried the side to success.

The third "Y" pair, H. Koh and A. Chung, were very weak and lost all their three games. With Wong and Au in such brilliant form, however, the Chinese sailed on to victory, though the issue was not decided until the last round.

The start was an ominous one for the Portuguese. Taking the court against Wong and S. Y. Hon, M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios were thought to have a good chance of winning, especially as Hon at the beginning seemed very weak. Covering the lapses of his partner, who improved as the game progressed, Wong was everywhere, smashing and angling for position until he had the opposition all tied up. In the other two games, Hon showed a great improvement and gave Wong splendid support.

THE BEST PAIR

Au was luckier than Wong in that his partner, F. Koh, was also in fine fettle. Koh, however, was too fond of trying fancy shots. Showing a cheerful disregard for points he attempted a variety of difficult executions, but was rarely successful. However, when the occasion demanded, he could be steady. He and Au were easily the best pair on view.

Au last evening gave an exhibition which confirms my view that he and Patrick Wong will be very difficult to beat in the Colony Doubles Championships.

The Recreio pairs failed to play up to standard. The numerous lines on the court—which is also used for basketball—seemed to affect their play a good deal, and I noticed that they took on the run, many shots which were going outside. This was specially noticeable in the earlier part of the game when they were still unfamiliar with the court.

The game might have been a closer one if L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva had won their second round match against Wong and Hon. They started well enough, leading by 6-0, but they were unable to push home their advantage.

The Chinese led 2-1 at the end of the first round, 4-2 at the end of the second, and clinched the issue when Wong and Hon defeated H. A. Barrios and H. A. Alves by 21-14.

Scores:
P. H. Wong and S. Y. Hon (Chinese "Y") beat M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios 21-12; beat H. A. Alves and H. A. Barrios 21-14; beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 21-14.
F. Koh and C. Au (Chinese "Y") beat Oliveira and Remedios 21-10; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-18.

H. Koh and A. Chung (Chinese "Y") lost to Oliveira and Remedios 19-21; lost to Alves and Barrios 8-21; lost to Carvalho and Silva 7-21.

OTHER MATCHES

In the other matches played last evening, King's College defeated St. Andrew's by eight games to one on the latter's court, while in the Mixed Doubles League, the University beat Kowloon Tong by 8-1.

ST. ANDREW'S v. KING'S COLLEGE

F. V. Wong and M. Weill (St. Andrew's) lost to S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung 7-21; lost to H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui 15-21; lost to Pau and K. H. Lo 11-21.

L. E. Kirby (St. Andrew's) lost to Chan and Chung 5-21; lost to Woo and Lui 7-21; lost to Pau and Lo 3-21.

H. Kow and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's) lost to Chan and Chung 17-21; lost to Woo and Lui 2-21; beat Pau and Lo 21-13.

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Miss Margot Lumb's Fine Feat

London, Feb. 7.
Miss Margot Lumb, the famous squash and tennis player, created a new record at the Queen's Club today by winning the Women's Squash Rackets Championship for the fourth successive year.

She defeated Mrs. I. H. McKechnie by 9-3, 9-2, 9-1 in the final to-day. Miss Susan Noel previously won the title for three successive years. —Reuter.

Swimming Records At Empire Games

Sydney, Feb. 7.
Only heats were held to-day in the swimming events of the British Empire Games. Nevertheless, Leivers, of England, established a new Games record for the 1,650 yards in 20 mins. 3.6 seconds, and Miss Dorothy Green of Australia a new Games and Australian record for the 440 yards in 5 mins. 43 secs.—Reuter.

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FIREWORKS AT THE K.C.C. LAST SATURDAY

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 8.)

played a defensive forward shot to Leckie a shade too soon. The swing took the ball across to forward short leg where Alice Pearce brought off a splendid left handed catch at full stretch. The ball never rose more than eighteen inches and had he not started moving in anticipation before the ball actually hit the ball he would never have got near. Two runs later Leckie bowled B. D. Lay. Robert Lee hung on for a bit while Lloyd used his long reach and tried to force things a bit. They managed to add 16 runs before Lee was out in the same way as O'Brien off Owen-Hughes. A run later Leckie got his third clean-bowled wicket and Kowloon were out for 85 runs. He had maintained a splendid length—and had five for ten. Owen-Hughes got his four wickets all right but there are still too many gift fours when he sends down his bad length delivery. If he could eliminate this he would be a perfect terror this year.

A FAIR START

There was nothing in the opening of the Club innings to lead one to expect fireworks and I was congratulating myself that I should be able to have a look at the latter part of Reccelo and Craigenower—and possibly Navy second and Reccelo second, both of which were close at hand. Both batsmen seemed comfortable, though Marshall had a bit of luck when Jex just touched a snick and batted O'Brien at first slip. He caught the ball but it got away again. However when Marshall had got 13 he lifted one off Lloyd high to Anderson at deep mid-off and was caught. 19—1—13.

Alice Pearce came in and early on had a perfect cover drive and just after a crisp deflection to fine leg off Robert Lee. Thirty went up and I rather think at this period the effect of the roller wore off. Anyway at 32 Leckie touched Lee to first slip and after a short while Owen Hughes did much the same save that he turned it to second slip where Anderson made his second catch.

THE ROT SETS IN

Even at this point I don't think anyone seriously thought the Club were in danger. But the light was beginning to fall (it was a foul afternoon) and though Pearce looked as safe as a house he could not score freely. Hughes hung on for a bit but when he opened up at Lloyd, Anderson moved in from deep mid-off (he was sliding somewhere between long-off, mid-off and deep extra-cover) and made another excellent catch. Bidwell at once fell into the leg trap, playing too soon at one which rose quickly from Lloyd. The spot was startling! Suddenly Pearce who seemed "ret" mistimed a slightly slower ball from Lee and was caught and bowled off a rather half-hearted forward stroke, while at the same time Baines snicked the same bowler to second slip.

With Ride and John Pearce together and every-one very excited, both batsmen seemed to be very shaky in their calling and finally Pearce was thrown out by Zimmerman from cover. It was a queer episode—Ride was further out of his ground but presumably as he was going the other way the fieldman thought his best chance was a shot at the bowler's wicket which he hit. As a matter of fact the batsman should have been well in if he had run straight and grounded his bat.

INTERESTING CRICKET

When Hayward joined Ride it was obvious that the Club had their backs to the wall. The light was very bad—yet it had not reached that badness where it helps the batsmen because it does the field in completely. The two batsmen settled down to keep their wickets up and seemed to be doing it rather successfully so long as they did not try to score. It was the right game. The light could not be much worse for them and Lee and Lloyd had been on the whole innings. Sooner or later they were bound to crack and send down a few loose balls. And so it went on. There were several maidens in between overs in which one run was scored and once Hayward so far forgot himself as to drive Lloyd to the off boundary.

The stand lasted for thirty-five minutes during which twelve runs were scored and would not have pleased the type of spectator who seizes anything less than four fours an over. It was pretty nearly the most interesting and enjoyable bit of cricket I have seen this season all the same.

But, just when it looked as if they might pull it off, Hayward missed a straight one and was l.b.w. He had only made five but I have seen far worse innings of twenty or thirty. The end soon came. Swain nearly gave Anderson his fifth catch when he snicked Lee to second slip but the ball dropped short and a single came. Ride, who had been nibbling dangerously at Lee's off balls at last touched one and the K.C.C. had won by twenty runs. An amazing game.

AN EASY VICTORY

The I.R.C., who are strengthened by the welcome return of A.A. Rumjohn, were much too good for the Civil Service. Batting first they had a bit of a shock when they lost Nazarin early on but A. H. Madar 37 not out A. R. Minu (26) and A. A. Rumjohn (50) all did well and they declared at 167 for 8 wickets. With Richardson gone home the C.S.C. lost one of their mainstays and though admittedly Daniels made an excellent understudy. But there were only five bats in the team and Perry and Baker both failed while McLellan only got fourteen. The rest of the team on current form is negligible.

SHIELD SOCCER

Owing to the Club ground being utilised for Rugby, the Junior Football Shield game between the University and the Chinese Police will now be played on the St. Joseph's ground at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow.

HONGKONG DERBY FORECAST

The \$1 stage of the Hongkong Derby Forecast closed last evening with the total of \$2,035 in the Pool.

The second stage is now open and until 5 p.m. on Monday, February 14, the cost of each forecast is \$2.

There is no side can trail so long a tail with frequent success.

CRAIGENOWER STILL WINNING

As was generally expected Craigenower beat Reccelo though they did so more easily than I expected. It is rather difficult to estimate the strength of the Reccelo batting as there are a good many men who may make runs. On the whole they are weak I think and even with E. L. Gosanno's hard-hit forty-seven they could only manage a hundred and nine. Billimoria seems to be bowling on a bit as his figures of 10.3—6—20—7 show. The visitors had no trouble in knocking off the runs for 5 wickets. F. R. Zimmerman again got going with 50 not out and the match was well in hand tho' A. T. Lee and E. Zimmerman both failed.

THE ONLY DRAW

The two Services teams at Soekoonpoo played a draw of which the Army had the better. They had some useful scores in the middle—Rawstone (25), Godby (41) and Beadnell (27) all carrying the good work along. After the way Paxton bowled in the United Services game some of my readers may have had a bit of a shock to see that he only went on first change and bowled six overs for 17 runs and no wicket. I don't know the actual facts but I do know that Paxton on a grass wicket and Paxton on malling are two entirely different wave lengths.

The Civil Service may yet be sorry they are not playing at King's Park on next Saturday. The declaration at 144 for nine was quite sporting as on that ground Ogle, if he got going, could crack up fifty in about a quarter of an hour. However, he didn't, nor did Skelton or Whitmarsh, who was playing after an absence of several weeks owing to foot trouble. Thomas (26), Paxton (15) and Herbert (24) stood by however. If my memory serves me Herbert is the man who cracked up twenty odd for the last wicket against Craigenower. Time was played out with 93 for six on the board. For the Navy Chelcroft 14—4—29—5 returned excellent figures. I do not trust the score book spelling however which has given me the entirely new variant "Rolistorm" to add to my collection.

THE SHIELD

The result of last Saturday's matches is to put the Club out of the running and greatly to enhance the chances of the I.R.C. for winning the Shield. Their only likely rivals are Craigenower and K.C.C. They have a lead of two points and have to play the H.K.C.C. and the K.C.C.—both at home. (I take my hat off to their Secretary. Of their seven League fixtures six are at home while for the seventh—the

TOO MANY CUPS IN FOOTBALL

Mr. McKelvie's Protest To Council

Vigorously protesting that there were too many cup competitions Mr. J. McKelvie, of the Kowloon Football Club, declared at a meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council yesterday that league football was seriously interfered with. While endorsing the remarks, the Chairman, Mr. Pryde, pointed out that the Association had accepted the cups and that nothing could be done at present.

It was decided to entertain the Islington Corinthians with a dinner, and a sub-committee, comprising Messrs. McKelvie, Warren and C. Gungnam, was elected to make arrangements.

A letter from the Middlesex Regiment Football Committee complaining of the refereeing in the Regiment's match against Eastern on February 3 was passed on to the referees sub-committee.

A protest from the 5th Brigade, Royal Artillery against the non-appearance of an R. E. team on February 1 was read. It stated that this was the second time the R. E. had failed to appear. The Chairman remarked that the Artillery had been unlucky enough to have this happen four times to them. It was decided to refer the matter to the League Management Committee.

FAREWELL MATCH

Royal Welch Fusiliers to Play South China To-morrow

The final appearance of the Royal Welch Fusiliers on local football fields will be to-morrow at Caroline Hill at 4.15 p.m. when they meet South China. The following will represent the Fusiliers—Rowlands; Wheeler, Keating; Evans, Kwan, Gressy, Cookley, Dennis, Sullivan, Talbot, Farry.

CORINTHIANS WIN

Singapore, Feb. 7. Islington Corinthians beat All Malaya three goals to nil to-day.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

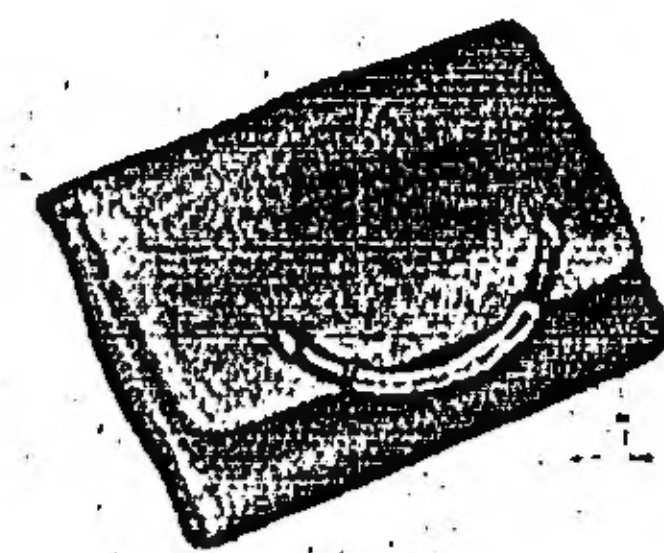
Army—they had just to jump over the garden wall.

K.C.C. have to play the Reccelo and the I.R.C. both away. Their chances should be governed by the result of the I.R.C. match as they ought to beat Reccelo. A win over the Indians would put them a point up. But then there is Craigenower. They have to play the Army away, but this might well be a draw and the H.K.C.C. at home. I should have said they would have drawn or lost this latter game a week ago but now I don't know. On the whole the I.R.C., though with the two harder games ahead, have the advantage of two points and draws by other people are all in their favour if they can do as much. I should not be surprised to find that the I.R.C. and K.C.C. match on the Feb. 19 proves to be the deciding factor.

I hope to deal with the Junior Division games on Friday next.



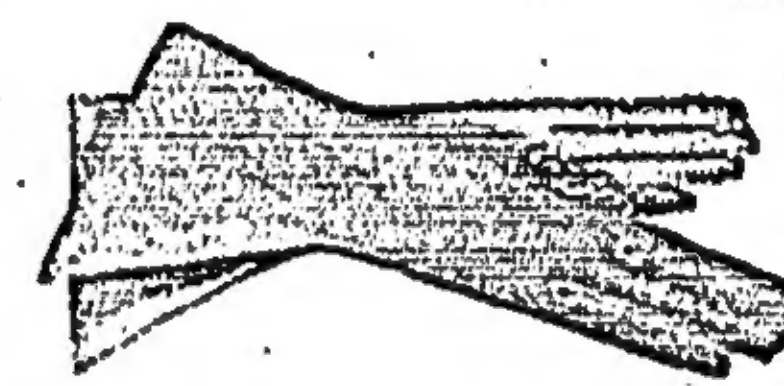
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 - 2 After this day of ancelloth and ashes you'll be feeling a little more like your usual self. You may now sit up and take a little light sustenance. You need a gentle, simple diet, with correct quantities and combinations of foodstuffs.
 - 3 Here's one that is very good for pick-me-up or even sustained everyday use:—First meal: Grapefruit with honey, apples or pineapple, or steeped figs or prunes with cereal. Second meal: Baked, grilled or roasted meat with steamed greens and baked potatoes; a milk pudding made with unpolished rice and raisins. Third meal: A large salad containing lettuce, cucumber, young cabbage and tomatoes, sprinkled with a little lemon-juice, eaten with wholemeal bread and butter. Drink a lot of water between meals.
- When you've kept your fast and are well into the swing of your getting-over-it-diet a little exercise will make you the man you were before a Merry Christmas.
- Rowing is the best exercise for the stomach. You may not have a boat handy. Don't worry; just sit on the floor and bend the body forward to the waist, breathing out. Then come up and go over backwards, breathing in. Do this six times a morning.

Why not Saturday off?

by Stephen Black

IMPORTANT

The Management have pleasure in announcing the adoption of the five-day week, commencing Monday next. They believe that the additional leisure so afforded will benefit the Staff and will thus...

In twenty years of British industry 800 managements have made this announcement.

To-day, more than 140,000 workers down tools on Friday night, not to take them up again until Monday morning.

From 1930 to 1934, the number of firms adopting the five-day week increased by 15 per cent. and the number of workers employed under this system by 50 per cent. Since that date, only 0.1 per cent. of these men and women have had to return regularly to work on Saturday mornings.

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In 1910, it is estimated that approximately only 35 large firms in Great Britain gave "Saturday morning off." But post-war economic conditions stimulated the movement, and in 1919 whole trades, affecting hundreds and thousands of workers, went over to the five-day week.

The entire furniture trade in High Wycombe adopted the system by mutual agreement in 1920. From 1921 to 1930 the trade unions and employers of one trade after another investigated the five-day week principle, came to agreement, and finally adopted it.

Manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate, of scales and weighing machines, of biscuits, patent foods, clothing, dyes, varnish and paints, were some of the "pioneers."

Wholesale and retail chemists, as well as the manufacturing chemists, were quick to follow suit. Vines, boot polish, knitted goods, glass, bicycles, cameras, soon came under the heading of goods produced by workers employed only from Monday to Friday.

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Firms which have adopted the five-day week claim to have economised on power, heat and light; to have set Saturday aside for maintenance and thus speeded up production during the other five days; to have reduced ill-health among the staff; decreased lateness, absenteeism, accidents and labour turn-over and to have generally built up the morale of their workers.

A questionnaire issued recently to the leading five-day week firms in this country revealed that in some cases production per worker per hour had increased by no less than one-third.

An American firm has published a long and impressive list of manufactured goods—valued at

six billion pounds—sales of which would be stimulated by the release of workers with Friday-night pay envelopes in their pockets on Saturday morning.

Items are: Bakery goods, holiday clothing, boots and shoes other than rubber, motor vehicles (excluding motor-cycles), wholesale slaughtering and meat-packing, silk goods and women's clothing.

An economist writes: "The sociological advantages of the system are almost too obvious to require enumeration." He's right.

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A week-and-a-half-from-home, now practically the monopoly of the middle-classes, becomes possible for all.

"The entire morale of the workers is built up in a quite amazing fashion"—which is another way of saying that they have a greater chance to learn the art of "living" as distinct from the art of "existence."

Arguments are so overwhelming and the benefits of two days' holiday in seven so obvious, that it is surprising that every large concern in the country, to say nothing of the Government (not so surprising) has not taken steps to make the five-day week the standard throughout British industry.

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Who Makes The Rules Of War?

WAR is not a game, but, like football, it has its rules, and these last few years the play has been getting just as rough.

Who makes the rules? Since July 9 last year Japan has been carrying on something suspiciously like war in China, but according to the rules it isn't war, for neither side has declared that they are at war. Nor has any international body or group, like the League of Nations, decided that they are at war.

Now, if the Japanese declare war they will be able to do several things that they are now doing illegally, such as blockading the China coast against ships of all nationalities carrying war materials to China.

For the last eighty or ninety years the nations seem to have been coming to the conclusion that they can't stop war and that therefore they should lay down some rules in writing for it.

Briefly, the rules are based partly on custom and partly on agreements made at international peace-seeking conferences since 1864. The reference in any dispute in interpreting these rules is the World Court at The Hague.

EVEN before then men were trying to do something about war. For as far back as 1139 the Lateran Council declared that certain weapons, some forms of early artillery, were so inhumane that their use in warfare should be prohibited. (Except against the infidels, who, obviously, were beyond consideration.)

Before the first two Hague Conferences, which took place in 1864 and 1907, Europe had some sort of conscience about what you could do, and what you could not do in war, of course, that if one side breaks and it was the business of the conference to reduce that conscience to a set of rules.

Since then, of course, the rules have been added to from time to time as new weapons and new methods of warfare came into operation.

ALREADY Japan has behaved badly indeed and has disobeyed most of the rules. She has systematically carried out air raids on Nanking, the capital of China, although she had not broken off diplomatic relations with that country. She should do that first.

Then she did another bad thing! She shot the British Ambassador. That annoyed us very much, but apart from shooting one of our representatives she broke another rule.

The Japanese justified or tried to justify the shooting by saying that they thought the British Ambassador was General Chiang Kai-shek, the Prime Minister, who was travelling along the Nanking-Shanghai road and therefore they had ordered all their airmen to fire on any motor-car they saw on that road.

But the rules of warfare forbid any attempt to assassinate the head of an enemy country. For example, to have killed the Kaiser would have been a bad thing.

As the British Government said in their Note to Japan, "It is one of the oldest and best-established rules of international law that direct or deliberate attacks on non-combatants are absolutely prohibited, whether inside or outside the area in which hostilities are taking place."

Now, the snag there is the aeroplane. How can you bomb a town in which there are enemy troops without hitting some of the folk who are not fighting? It reminds you of the difficulty Shylock was placed in when he was permitted to get his pound of flesh without spilling a drop of blood.

LET'S go back to the Hague Conferences a minute, which were organised by the Emperor Nicholas II. of Russia.

When you look at the declarations they adopted, you will be surprised how far we have progressed since those hopeful days of 1864.

The conference prohibited the launching of projectiles and explosives from balloons or by other similar new methods, so they seemed to have anticipated the bomber.

Then they prohibited the use of projectiles whose only object was to spread poison gases. After that, they prohibited the use of bullets which expand or flatten easily in the human body, so that explains the fuss when there's talk of any nation using dum-dum bullets. Mussolini accused the Abyssinians of using them.

As you know, the poison gas rule was broken by all parties in the great war. So once again the nations in 1925 signed at Geneva the protocol for the prohibition of the use in war of poison gases and also what they called "bacteriological warfare."

As man becomes more inventive, the statesmen have to be kept busy signing new pacts not to use what he invents.

Most charming of all the Hague talks was in 1924. The subject was whether, after an aeroplane had been disabled, you could shoot the pilot and observer who were trying to escape by parachute. They said you could not.

The subject of the bombing of open towns which goes on gaily in Spain and China was tackled by the Disarmament Conference of 1933. As you know, that conference of

—and who is the referee?

EVERY little war brings up its problems. You remember that last year a British, a French, and an Italian merchant ship were attacked by Spanish aeroplanes outside the three-mile limit in the Mediterranean, which was quite definitely outside in the game.

The international lawyers didn't know what to do about that very much, because there is no specific rule covering attacks on merchant ships from the air.

But they had some sort of reply, for the London Naval Treaty of 1930 laid it down that a warship or submarine must not sink a merchant vessel without having first placed the passengers and crew in a place of safety. All naval agreements since then have confirmed this.

But how is an aeroplane bombing a ship going to put the passengers and crew in a place of safety. Clearly, it can't be done, so clearly the aeroplane should not bomb merchant or passenger ships.

However, at The Hague in 1923 the British representatives proposed that a merchant vessel must not be attacked by an aeroplane unless it is refused to submit to search, and

has refused to be destroyed until the crew have been placed in safety. The trouble with all the rules is, of course, that if one side breaks and it was the business of the conference to reduce that conscience to a set of rules.

NOW, about the Japanese blockade of the China coast. It she declares war the rules give her the right of visiting and searching merchant ships, whatever their cargoes, nationalities or destinations.

That is an old rule going back at least 150 years, which may perhaps

destroy your idea of the freedom of the seas, which is a doctrine very dear to the Americans but, curiously, not to us, perhaps because we have the largest navy in the world.

The British Government have always upheld the right to visit and search all merchant vessels under whatever flag they may sail, and in this sense are opponents of the freedom of the seas.

But the rules lay down that this right may only be exercised in the territorial waters of the nations at war, or anywhere upon the high seas, but not in the territorial waters of neutral States.

Now another odd rule about war is that you don't have to serve notice that it is coming off. It is quite sporting to make a sudden and unexpected declaration of war and to follow it up immediately with an act of war. In this way, an ambassador of a foreign State could march into the Foreign Office with his ultimatum, and at the same time his country's bombers could drop bombs on London.

ALL disputes could be settled by the Permanent Court of Arbitration set up by the Hague Conference to settle disputes which nations did not want to fight about. That court became part of the League of Nations, with fifteen judges and four deputy judges, and is prepared to decide any question of international law if the nations will only let it.

One of the most important men at the court is an Englishman, Sir Cecil Hurst, sometimes described as the ablest international lawyer in the world. He is also described sometimes as the man who drafted the Versailles Treaty, which is not quite so complimentary.

NOW, what can you say about man's efforts to "humanise" war by making rules for the conduct of it? The plain fact is that there is no way and there never was a way of making war decent.

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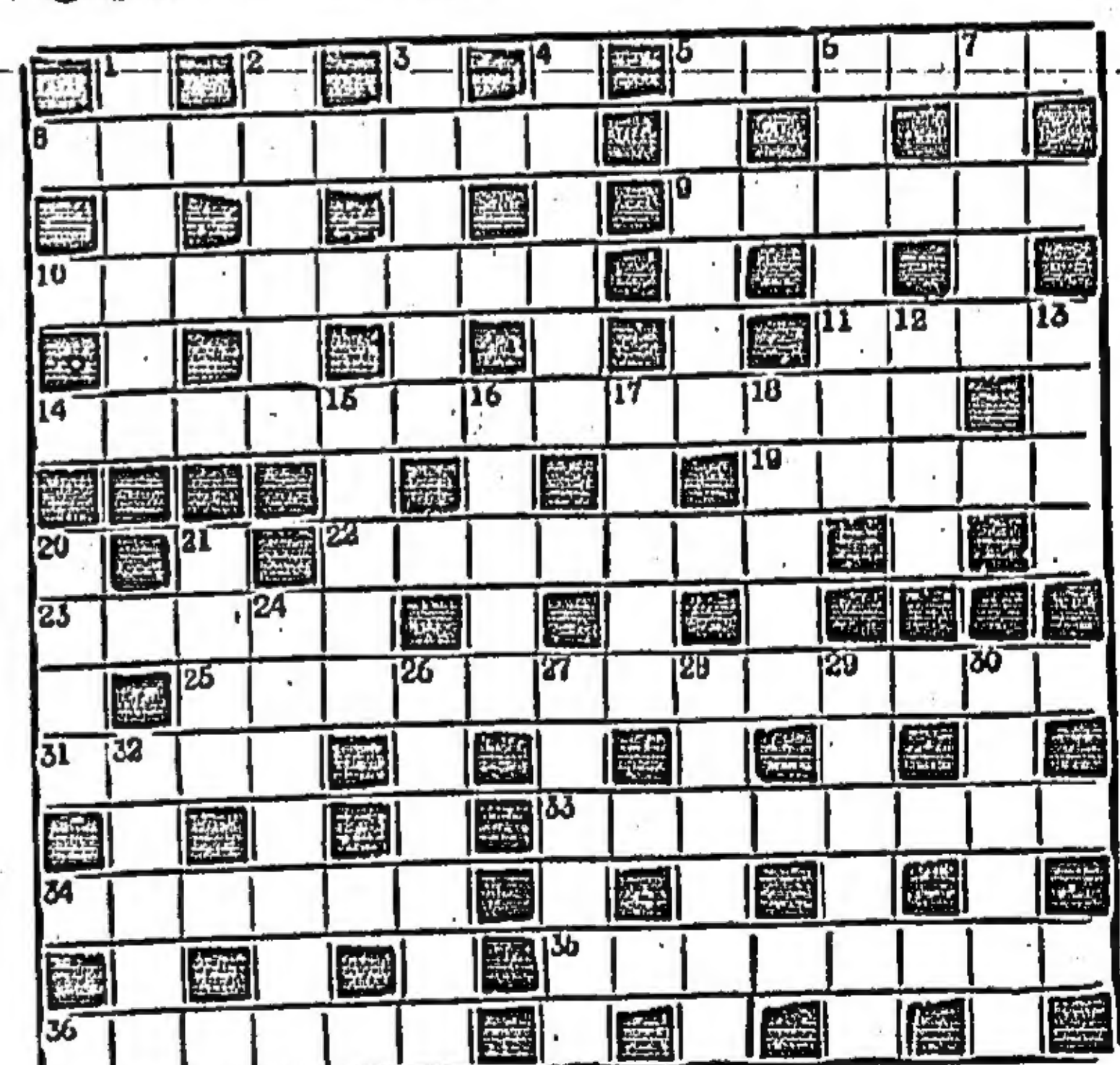
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- Electric bilingual claim to paternity (6).
 - Wave has a tardy finish (8).
 - It takes skill to keep beer in explosive (8).
 - Hold back and take it easy before the shower (8).
 - The number in the third person (4).
 - "Rotate in scrap" (anag.) (12).
 - A bit of valuable money (5).
 - Omen (7).
 - An inquisitive instrument (5).
 - Stock and heathen deity agree in an essential way (13).
 - Go up (4).
 - Artist is turned to unkind writer (8).
 - Backward order to become an animal (6).
 - Diallike of an account (6).
 - Ornament usually round but mostly bent (6).
- DOWN**
- Neared in other guise (6).
 - No city man (6).
 - In this part of the Empire even the girls have tin hats apparently (6).
 - Two seeds make one (6).
 - There's something doing in this (6).
 - A bearer of the colours (7).
 - Scope for raising cattle? (6).
 - The bark of this plant has made many a blight (4).
 - It is not always what it says or I should be rich (4).
 - Mature (5).
 - A piece of 32 down (5).
 - Football (6).
 - "Obviously not 'under the influence' even if the drink has gone to the head (5).
 - A musical work no doubt (4).
 - For the lazy it may be an incentive to lying (4).
 - The kind of question heated discussion (7).
 - A "slavery" (6).
 - An accident (6).
 - Lower 'inletment to ensnare a lady (6).
 - A capitalizing episode ends in repose (6).
 - One may learn from this (6).
 - Musical work (6).
- YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**
- ACROSS: 1. M. G. H. M. A. B. I. C. 2. A. T. A. M. A. H. A. N. A. I. N. E. 3. C. O. F. F. E. N. S. E. L. A. B. O. R. 4. D. A. F. F. O. D. I. L. P. H. Y. S. I. C. 5. W. E. A. T. H. 6. A. R. A. M. 7. R. H. E. T. O. R. I. C. 8. A. I. D. A. 9. O. E. 10. B. R. I. G. A. N. D. 11. L. O. A. D. I. N. G. 12. T. I. N. G. 13. E. A. S. T. 14. S. I. N. G. U. L. A. R. 15. T. U. B. E. 16. L. A. S. T. 17. C. O. O. R. D. I. N. A. T. I. O. N. 18. P. L. U. N. G. E. 19. H. U. M. O. R. I. S. T. 20. F. A. I. L. 21. K. A. A. 22. E. T. 23. F. R. A. I. L. 24. D. I. G. N. I. F. I. E. D. 25. Y. O. C. O. R. D. O. B. T. E. R.

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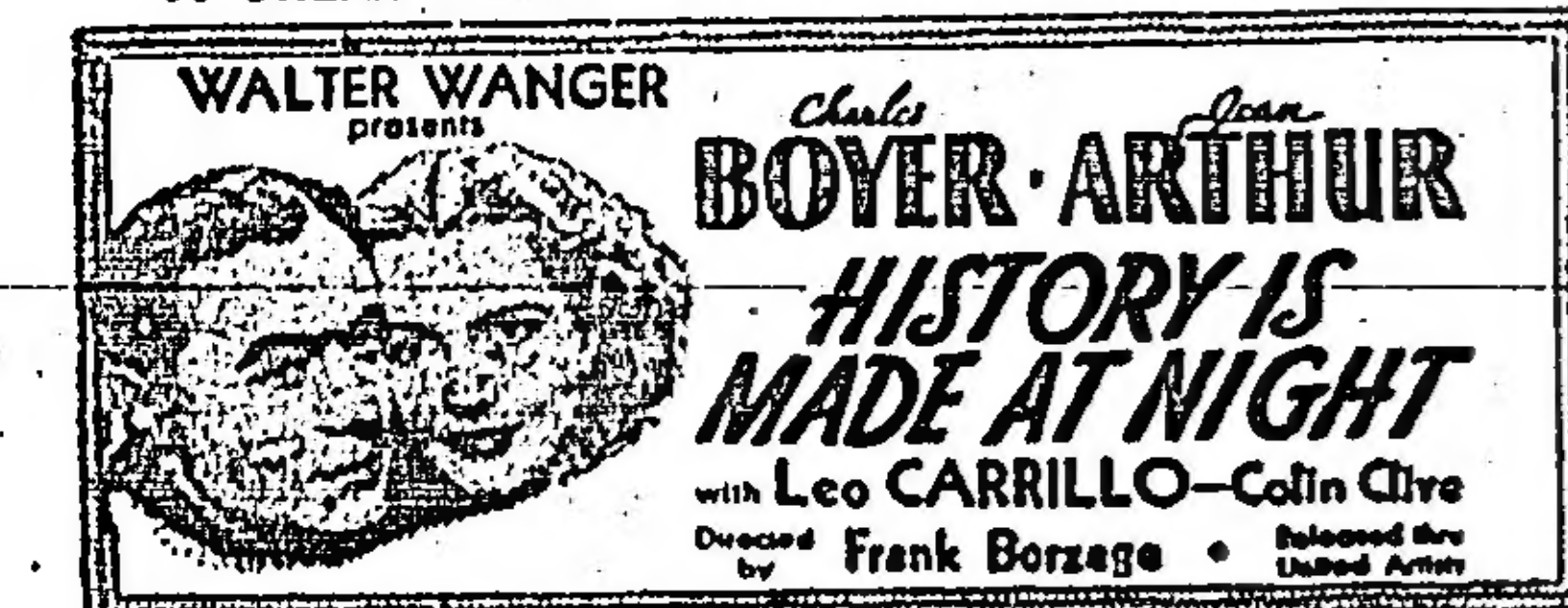
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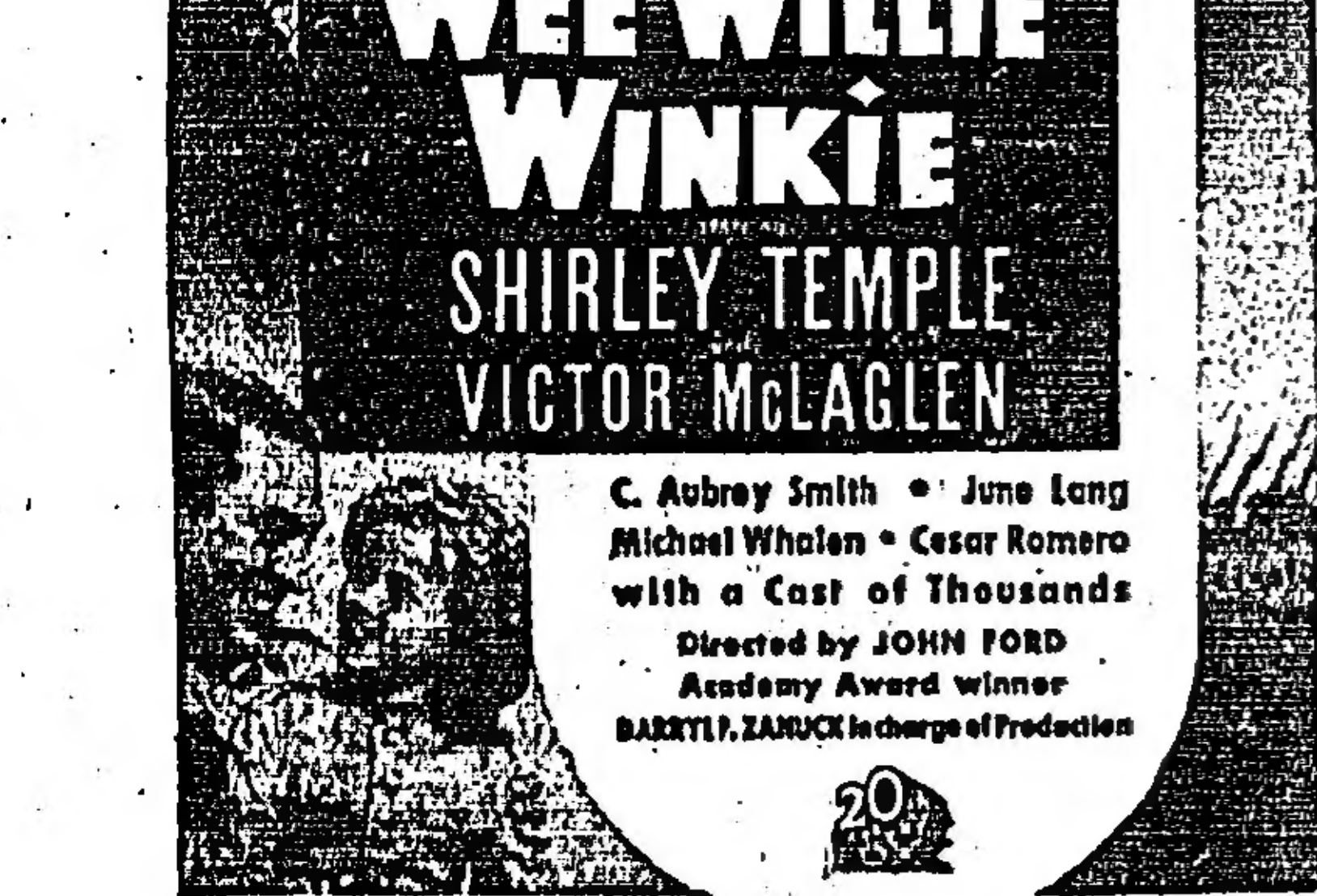


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Mr. Eden Anticipates Results Of Appeal To Be Known Soon

London, Feb. 7. Answering several questions in the House of Commons touching on the air bombing of the civilian populations of Spain and China, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, reiterated the Government's strong view with regard to the cruel sufferings thus inflicted.

He expected to know the result of the initiative taken by the Government in this respect within the next two days. It will be recalled that the British Government has appealed to both sides in Spain to declare a truce above open towns.

Mr. Eden assured the House that the Government regarded the question as an urgent one. Regarding bombing of civilians in China, Mr. Eden said that the British representative at the last session of the League had taken the initiative and had urged the Advisory Committee to express its views regarding air bombings. The British representative had also voted for the resolution adopted by the Assembly.

The British Government has approached the combatants repeatedly, declared Mr. Eden.

The Foreign Secretary expressed the readiness of the British Government to consider a suggestion by Commander J. Wedgwood, Labour M.P. for Newcastle, that the Vatican should be approached for its condemnation.

The sole desire of the British Government, declared Mr. Eden, was to put a stop to what they regarded as an wholly illegitimate practice of warfare.—Reuter.

SZECHUEN TROUBLES SMOOTHED

Civil Strife Now Unthinkable

Hankow, Feb. 8. The rumours of serious trouble in Szechuen are discounted here. It is pointed out that civil strife in the province at this time is unthinkable and further that there are strong Central Government garrisons throughout the province, making any attempt at a coup unhealthy for discontented leaders.

Moreover, no provincial leader is able to rally local opposition to the Central Government. It is admitted opposition exists, but it is contended that it is not irreconcilable.

Meanwhile, Mr. Lu Tso-fu and General Iph Kuo-kuang have conferred with military leaders at Chengtu during the week-end and have reported "a happy result." The former is the newly-appointed Vice-Minister of Communications and a leading Szechuen industrialist, and the latter is director of the provisional headquarters and commander-in-chief of the forces.—United Press.

Von Blomberg's Daughter To Wed Von Keitel

Berlin, Feb. 7. It is announced that Dorothy, the youngest daughter of Marshal von Blomberg, has become engaged to the son of Lt.-General von Keitel, Director of the Reich Ministry of War.

Under the Nazi shake-up announced on Saturday, Marshal von Blomberg, whose recent marriage caused dissension with Herr Adolf Hitler, has been retired from the offices of War Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Lt.-General von Keitel was appointed Chief of the Supreme Command and a member of the new secret Cabinet Council. He will be elevated to the rank of Field Marshal.—Reuter.

CLOUSTON GIVES UP RECORD ASSAULT

Istanbul, Feb. 7. It is learned that Flight Lieut. Clouston, who accompanied by Mr. Victor Ricketta, was attempting a flight from England to New Zealand and back in twelve days, has abandoned the attempt.

He has decided to return to England, and is leaving Adana in his Comet plane on Tuesday.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong Radio to-day: Meerkerk; Eurybates; Menelaus; Italyang; Benalder; Chitral; Norviken; Conle Rosso; Yatahing; President Hoover; Gnelson; Claus Rickmers; Empress of Canada; Asuta Maru; Scallaria.

ONLY TWO SHOTS FIRED AT RAIDERS

BRITONS TELL OF AMOY ATTACKS

Shanghai, Feb. 7. Britons arriving in Shanghai say that the military establishments in Amoy were bombed from the air on February 3 and from the sea on February 4, causing a large and hurried influx by panic-stricken Chinese into the foreign concession of Kulangsu.

During the bombings, which lasted at intervals throughout the day, two shots from an anti-aircraft gun and desultory rifle and machine-gun fire was the only reply.

Forty Chinese were killed and many more were wounded. Two Japanese warships bombarded the forts and wireless station on February 4, but caused negligible damage, the forts replying vigorously. The warships eventually proceeded to sea and disappeared in the mists.

H.M.S. Duchess is at present at Amoy watching British interests.—Reuter.

WARSHIP LEAVES FOR AMOY

Swatow, Feb. 8. The large-size Japanese warship which anchored off Namoa has steamed to Amoy.—Central News.

STOP PRESS

REFUGEE PROBLEM TACKLED

100,000,000 Victims Of War May Get Official Aid

Hankow, Feb. 8. After long consideration the Chinese Government is reported to have decided upon the establishment of a "Relief Committee" to tackle the urgent problem of providing help for China's war refugees, estimated at 100,000,000.

It was originally proposed to establish a Ministry of Social Economics, but the idea was subsequently dropped.

While no confirmation is officially obtainable it is learned that Mr. Hsu Shi-ying, former Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, and General Chiang Tso-pin, former Minister of the Interior, are the most likely candidates for chairman of the new committee.

Almost 100,000 residents of Nanking have returned from the "safety zone" to their homes in two of the five administrative areas, recently set up by the autonomous commission in the former capital, according to a Japanese Embassy spokesman at Shanghai.

It is stated that from January 14 to February 4, some 10,115 households, comprising 50,446 persons, returned to the first administrative district, while from January 13 to February 4 12,708 households, or 45,746 persons, reoccupied houses in the second administrative district.

Persons still left in the safety zone number approximately 150,000, some of whom have lost their habitations.

It is added that the remaining administrative districts are still closed.—Reuter.

PRINCE NICHOLAS VERY ILL

Duchess Of Kent Hurries To Father's Side

Athens, Feb. 7. Extreme Unction has been administered to Prince Nicholas of Greece, who has been ill for some weeks, and whose condition suddenly became worse last night.

Prince Nicholas is the father of the Duchess of Kent. The Duchess has interrupted her holiday with the Duke of Kent in the Austrian Tyrol and is hurrying to the bedside of her father. The Duke of Kent is returning to London alone.

Prince Nicholas was born in Athens in 1872 and was a son of King George I, who was assassinated in 1913.

Prince Nicholas' mother was the Grand Duchess Olga of Russia. Prince Nicholas married the wealthy Grand Duchess Helen, and is the father of several Greek princesses of great beauty in addition to Princess Marina, now Duchess of Kent.—Reuter.

Strength Of British Force In China 3,676

London, Feb. 7. The strength of the British forces in the Shanghai and Tientsin areas on January 1 was 137 officers and 3,539 other ranks.

These figures were given in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Victor Warrender, Financial Secretary of the War Office, in answer to a question.—Reuter.

EMBASSY'S FIXED HEADQUARTERS NOT YET KNOWN

London, Feb. 7. Asked in the House of Commons where the British Government contemplated putting its permanent Embassy to China, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said that the headquarters were at present in Shanghai.

The Chinese Government, said Mr. Eden, was spread over many capitals and it had been left to the British Ambassador to make the most advisable contacts.—Reuter.

SPANISH GENERAL TO GO TO MEXICO

Salamanca, Feb. 7. General Rojo, who covered himself with glory by planning and directing the capture of Teruel for the Government forces, has signed a contract with the Mexican Government to undertake immediately the organization and training of the Mexican Army.

This information has been released by an insurgent press bureau. It is not confirmable from Government sources.—Reuter.

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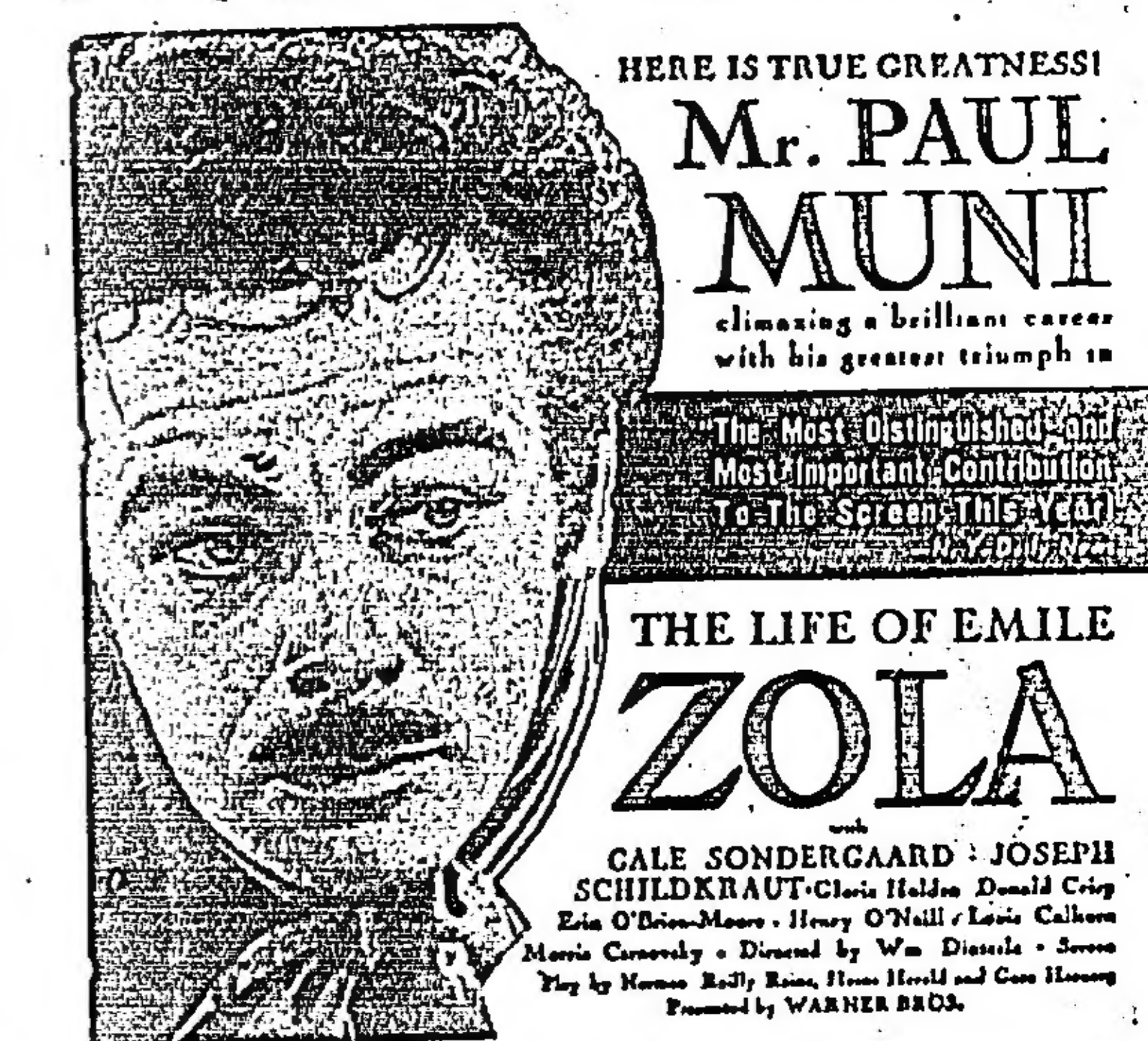
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Indian Official Buried To-Day
Mr. Sheikh Abdullah Widely Mourned

Tsingtao Now Peaceful
Japanese Garrison To Be Permanent

Shanghai, Feb. 8. The funeral of the late Mr. Sheikh Abdullah, metal over-seer of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., who was knocked down and fatally injured by a railway engine on Sunday by the junction of Chatham and Mody Roads, was held at the Mohammedan Cemetery, Happy Valley, early this afternoon.

The late Mr. Abdullah was 63 years of age, and had been in the employ of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. for nearly 10 years. Previous to that, he had been employed in the Government Sanitary Department.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, as well as a sister and several nephews, among whom are Messrs. A. Hamid, of the General Post Office, A. H. Ismail, of the Hongkong Electric Company, S. O. Ismail, of Ramsey and Company, and S. F. Ismail.

The funeral service was conducted by Muvi Noor Shah.

Besides the nephews, other present were Messrs. Hafeez A. R. Abbas, U. Esmail, S. Ismail, S. A. Sepher and A. M. Omar.

Floral tributes were sent by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crapnell, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Manners, the Shipping Dept., Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and Godown Co., Ltd.

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